

Monday
Important Instructions for Young Leaders

Paul wrote book of Titus to a young pastor, Titus. Paul left Titus in Crete at a church with many problems. His job was to set things in order. This promised to be a long, hard road for Titus. To help him succeed in his ministry, Paul wrote this personal letter to the young leader, Titus.

1. Read Titus 1 – What two words did Paul use to describe himself in verse 1?
2. Describe the job of a servant.
3. An apostle is one who is sent. What would an apostle of Jesus Christ do?
4. Verse 2 says that Paul wrote in hope or expectation of something. What was it?
5. When did God promise to make eternal life available?
6. Verse 2 names something that cannot do. What is it?
7. Verse 3 says that God has manifested or made His Word known in these days. Through what did God manifest His Word?
8. Paul said that God's Word was committed to him. He was given responsibility to share it, teach it, and obey it. It was given to him by God's commandment. How much option did he have to share it or not?

We have all been committed and entrusted with defending and spreading God's Word. It's not an option for us to obey. God will take account someday of how well we fulfilled our responsibilities. Is God pleased with your efforts?

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1. Read Titus 1 – Titus' name means "honor." In his position as pastor of the church at Crete, why do you think it would be important for him to live up to his name?
2. What did Paul call him in verse 4?
3. Paul personally led Titus to the Lord. Just as a father takes care of his son, how do you think Paul would spiritually take care of his son in the faith?
4. What three things did Paul pray for Titus to have?
5. Tell how each of those things would be important as the pastor of this disorganized church.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
6. In verse 4 Paul identified the true source of grace, mercy, and peace. Who is it?
7. Why are grace, mercy, and peace so important in your life?

Without God's grace, mercy, and peace, Titus would not have been able to complete his task. We are just as needy. Ask God everyday to give you what you need for that particular day.

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After Paul finished introducing himself and Titus, he moved on to the meat of the letter. He began to give his son in the faith the important instructions he would need to be an effective pastor to the people in Crete.

1. Read Titus 1 – If you’ve ever been given a job to do, but the instructions weren’t very clear or you were asked to do something and didn’t know why, you know the frustration of that situation. Paul didn’t want Titus to be frustrated because of lack of information. Before he even told Titus what he was supposed to do, he introduced his instructions with a very clear statement. According to verse 5, what was it?
2. What two jobs did Paul give to Titus?
3. Do you think that might be an overwhelming task for a young pastor? Why or why not?
4. Paul didn’t go into great detail about the things that needed to be set in order. Paul must have spent a great deal of time with Titus for Titus to know what things needed to be changed and how they needed to be. Paul disciplined Titus. Whom would you like to disciple?
5. Paul began to tell Titus in verse 6 the personal characteristics that a pastor should possess. Those were the kind of people he should appoint. What three characteristics did he give?
6. Why do you think the requirements are so high for pastors?

Titus obviously met these requirements; otherwise, Paul wouldn’t have left him there. That doesn’t happen by accident. Someone took the time to teach him. Take the time to teach someone else.

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1. Read Titus 1 – Verses 7 gives six qualifications for a pastor. In the table below, list the six qualifications and why you think each one is so important.

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2. Paul taught in verse 7 that a pastor is the steward of God. A steward is a manager of household affairs. If a pastor is going to take care of the affairs of the house of God, he needs to of outstanding character. Titus probably didn’t think that he was going to be a pastor as he was growing up, but now that he was probably in his early 20’s, Paul found him to be ready to serve. What kind of person do you think Titus once he got saved?
3. Do you know what God is going to have you do for you life?
4. What kind of person does He want you to be now?

Be the right kind of person today so God can use you tomorrow!

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Being a pastor is a serious thing; it is a job not to be taken lightly! Paul wanted to be sure that the next leaders of the churches in Crete were Godly men with blameless reputations. Paul gave Titus the requirement list.

1. Read Titus 1 – Paul continued his list in verse 8. He gave six more characteristics that the men Titus appointed should possess. Complete the table below just like yesterday.

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2. What final characteristic did Paul give in verse 9?
3. Paul wanted these new pastors to be able to do two things with sound doctrine. What were they?
4. Doctrine is simply teaching. Sound doctrine is Biblically accurate doctrine. Since Paul had given his life to spreading the Gospel around the world, why do you think Paul was so concerned about sound doctrine?

Never view doctrine as boring. It's of utmost importance!

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Paul had several tasks for Titus on the Island of Crete. The first was to appoint and ordain pastors in every city in Crete. He gave a list of requirements for those who would be the pastors. Then Paul gave the next task for Titus: rebuke the false teachers that had already come into the picture.

1. Read Titus 1 – Paul said in verse 10 that there were certain people who have showed up. How did he describe them?
2. Paul said that many of them were of the circumcision. This means that they followed the Jewish law system. They would teach that a person also had to be circumcised in order to be saved. According to verse 11, what did Paul say had to happen to these false teachers?
3. What was the effect of the false teachers on the households there?
4. What was the motivation of the false teachers?
5. According to verse 12, a prophet from Crete prophesied about his own people. He gave three descriptions of the Cretan people. What did he say?
6. It's easy to know what lying is wrong and the negative effects that can have. It's easy to know that evil can have bad influences. They were slow bellies or lazy. How could being lazy have negative influences on the church?
7. Would you classify yourself as a hard worker in the church or as lazy?

Laziness in the church can have disastrous results. There is something that everyone can do. Be a good worker in the church!

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Paul instructed Titus, the young pastor in Crete, to ordain other pastors and set things in order. Paul already identified one of the things that need to be set in order: the Cretans were lazy. He had another task: stop the false teachers. Paul finished his instructions about false teachers in chapter 1.

1. Read Titus 1 – Paul mentioned the report about the Cretans in verse 12. What was Paul’s comment about that report in verse 13?
2. What was Titus to do concerning the report about the Cretans?
3. According to verse 14, what do fables and man-made commandments cause people to do?
4. Verse 15 is not teaching that saved people can do whatever they want because everything is pure. Obviously, everything is not pure. Though there is still some practical purification that needs to take place, Paul is teaching that every part of a saved person is pure positionally in the blood of Jesus. According to verse 15, to people who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure to them; no part of them is pure. Even what two immaterial things are defiled?
5. According to verse 16, what do these people profess to know?
6. You’ve heard the expression, “Your actions speak louder than your words.” Even though these false teachers claim to know Christ, what do their actions tell?
7. What three characteristics did Paul give them?

False teachers are a danger everywhere to everyone. Every Christian needs to be on guard that they are not deceived by any false teaching that comes. Stay close to God’s Word.

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Titus was the young pastor that Paul left on the island of Crete to set things in order there. Knowing that his job was difficult, Paul gave personal and specific instructions to Titus to help him complete his task. Those instructions can help us today in our walk with Christ.

1. Read Titus 2 – Paul finished chapter 1 with instructions concerning false teachers. According to chapter 2, verse 1, what kind of things is Titus to speak in stead of false doctrine?
2. “The things which become sound doctrine” are the things that are appropriate for sound doctrine. What we believe will directly affect our behavior. Right doctrine should produce a certain kind of behavior. It was Titus’ job to teach the behavior that should be happening as a result of having right doctrine. What age group was Titus to address in verse 2?
3. The aged men are to display six character qualities. What are they?
4. Sober means serious. This doesn’t mean that a person can never tell a joke or laugh; it does mean that a person needs to know when it is appropriate to joke and when it is not. How can you decide when it is right to joke and when it is not?
5. Another behavior that right doctrine should bring is being temperate or self-controlled. Why is it so important for people who have right doctrine to exercise self-control?

Right doctrine should produce right behavior. There is a direct connection between the two. If your either one is not right in your life, fix them. Believe right and live right!

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Paul gave personal and specific instructions to Titus to help him complete his task. He told Titus that right doctrine should produce right behavior. Titus was to address the older men. Titus also had a responsibility to address the older women concerning their behavior.

1. Read Titus 2 – According to verse 3, what kind of behavior were the aged women to display?
2. Holy behavior is behavior that reflects the character of God. List some of God’s character qualities and the behaviors that we should display as a result.
3. Paul also said that aged women should not be false accusers; they shouldn’t make up stories about other people that hurt their reputation. Right doctrine should produce right behavior. How does speaking the truth about people reflect right doctrine?
4. The aged women also should not be given to much wine. How would being given to alcohol have a negative affect on your behavior?
5. What kind of things should the aged women teach?
6. The good things that they should teach are listed in the next two verses. Why is it important for older women to teach younger women?

Be sure your behavior reflects right doctrine.

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Paul told Titus that right doctrine should produce right behavior in people of all ages. Paul already told Titus what to say to the older men and the older women. Now he turns his attention to the younger women.

1. Read Titus 2 – The “sober” in verse 2 is different than the “sober” in verse 4. This one means to be in your right mind and in control of your passions. Why would that be so important for young women?
2. What two groups of people are the young women supposed to love?
3. Being discreet is very similar to being sober; it is being able to control not only your mind but also your tongue. Why is that important for young women?
4. Chaste is pure. How can young women remain pure both in body and in mind?
5. Women aren’t any less important or valuable because their job is to be a keeper at home. Why is it important to be a keeper at home?
6. Submission and obedience don’t come naturally; it’s part of the curse. That’s why it needs to be taught. What could happen if the wife isn’t obedient to her husband?

Paul gave the reason for these commands at the end of verse 5: not following them could harm God’s teaching and reputation. Our doctrine will produce our behavior. If we claim to believe the Bible and its teachings, let’s live like it!

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Right doctrine should produce right behavior in people of all ages. No one was exempt from Paul's teaching on this. He addressed the young men's behavior in verses 6-8.

1. Read Titus 2 – The “sober” in verse 2 is different than the “sober” in verse 6. This one, like the one in verse 4, means to be in your right mind and in control of your passions. Why would that be so important for young women?
2. According to verse 7, what kind of pattern should the young men develop?
3. How can you develop a pattern of good works?
4. The young men were to show three things in regards to doctrine. What were they?
5. According to verse 8, what kind of speech should young men use?
6. What cannot happen to sound, polite, respectable, clean speech?
7. Paul gave the reason for giving all these commands to young men at the end of verse 8. What will happen when young men live up to these requirements?
8. Why is it important for any person of any age to live a blameless life?

Your actions speak louder than your words. Make sure your actions match up with your words!

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Paul took a moment to address servants. Today, we would call them employees. God has very clear expectations for the way you act at work, regardless of whether or not your boss is a Christian. Titus was expected to teach this to the new Believers.

1. Read Titus 2 – According to verse 9, what is the first thing that God expects of employees?
2. Why do you think that one came first?
3. In how many things are employees to please their employers?
4. This does not give employers a blank check to turn their workers into slaves or to ask them to do something illegal or unbiblical. We should, however, give a 100% effort and give an honest day's work. What is the last thing in verse 9 that employees should not do?
5. Paul mentions purloining in verse 10. Purloining is stealing or embezzling. This could include time. How can you steal time from your boss?
6. Showing all good fidelity is being faithful. How can you be faithful to your boss when others are talking bad about him?
7. Adorning gives the idea of wearing or putting on and making it beautiful. How can having right behavior make the doctrine of God beautiful to those who observe it?
8. How many things does good behavior affect?

Good behavior isn't just for the home; it's for the work place also. These principles could also easily apply to students and teachers. Good behavior goes a long way. Live right!

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Bad behavior has a negative effect on the testimony of Jesus Christ, but there is a greater reason for having right behavior: God has changed us. We aren't the same people we used to be. Because we're not the same people, our behavior should be different also. Paul reviewed the doctrine that changed us.

1. Read Titus 2 – According to verse 11, what brings salvation?
2. To whom has it appeared?
3. “Appeared” means that it has been clearly known. If the grace of God has appeared to everyone, does anyone have an excuse not to be saved?
4. People who are on a diet deny themselves certain things because they know they are bad for them. According to verse 12, what two “unhealthy” things should Christians deny themselves?
5. Why are those two things so destructive to Christians?
6. How did Paul say we should live in this present world?
7. Why are those things so helpful for Christians?
8. Notice the connection between verses 11 and 12. What happened to us in the past should affect the way we act in the present. Right doctrine should produce right behavior. What behavior do you need to change in your life?

Right doctrine is important. Without it we would have no basis for changing us, both inside and outside.

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Right Biblical doctrine reveals our sin, teaches us about Christ, and invites us to trust Him for salvation. At that point our lives are drastically changed. Not only should the past affect our present, it also affects our future. Paul finished his chapter on doctrine with a look ahead.

9. Read Titus 2 – According to verse 13, for what two things are we to be looking?
10. For Christians the blessed hope is seeing Jesus face-to-face. It's not hope in that we are uncertain whether it will happen or not, but it's a certain expectation that we will see Jesus. According to verse 14, what did He do for us?
11. Jesus gave Himself for us so that He could redeem us from how much of our iniquity?
12. What else does Jesus want to do with us?
13. Of what does Jesus want us to be zealous?
14. In verse 15 Paul told Titus to teach, exhort, and rebuke with something. What was it?
15. What was Paul's last instruction for Titus in verse 15?
16. Titus could prevent people from despising him by living up to the things he was teaching. He needed to practice what he would preach. Paul didn't want Titus to be a hypocrite. What would happen to your testimony if you are a hypocrite?
17. How can you prevent being a hypocrite?

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Paul left Titus in Crete to set things in order. Titus was a young man and would probably feel a bit inadequate for the job. Paul gave him the important instructions that he would need in order to succeed. The kind of people that Titus was to appoint and the things he was supposed to tell them were all things that he should know and practice himself.

8. Read Titus 3 – In the first two verses, Paul gave a list of five things of which Titus was to remind the people. What was the first one?
9. This one deals specifically with governmental leaders. It is important for everyone to obey governmental leaders, but why is it even more important for Christians?
10. What is the second reminder?
11. This one deals with anyone who is in a position of authority. Why would this be particularly important for the people to be reminded of Titus' authority?
12. What is the third reminder?
13. Why is the word “every” so important in that verse?
14. Being ready or prepared to do good things is a sacrifice. It takes time and energy. What are some ways you can prepare to do good things?

God wants you to be ready to do good things. They don't get you saved, but you do them because you are saved. What good thing does God want you to do this week?

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The instructions that Paul gave Titus were not just for Titus and for the people on the island of Crete; they're for us today. The standards for the Cretans are the standards for us. They are good instructions for young leaders.

1. Read Titus 3 – In the first two verses, Paul gave a list of five things of which Titus was to remind the people. The fourth one is found in verse 2. What is it?
2. Does this verse mean that we don't speak evil of anyone or only those who deserve our respect?
3. Does this include just people outside the church or people within the church also?
4. Does this include only the people you like or also the ones who are hard to like?
5. Does this include only the people who see things the way we do or also the ones with whom we disagree?
6. Why do you think it is so important for Christians not to be known for speaking evil of people?
7. What is the fifth reminder?
8. What are we supposed to be instead of fighters?
9. How much meekness should we show?
10. To how many people should we be meek?

We could ask all the same questions about being gentle and meek as we did about speaking evil of people. Living right is not based on the actions or attitudes of others; we live right no matter what!

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Paul took the first two verses to tell us what kind of people we should not be. Later Paul reminded us of the great change that happened at salvation. Verse three reminds us of the kind of person we were before salvation. Remembering our past helps us to stay humble and to be thankful for our salvation.

8. Read Titus 3 – Paul listed seven characteristics of unsaved people, what we used to be. List them below.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
 - f.
 - g.
9. Paul added two words in verse 3 to add emphasis to it. His purpose was to remind us of our past, but the words “ourselves also” add intensity to it. He could have simply said, “We were sometimes...” What does the added emphasis contribute to the verse?
10. The word “for” at the beginning of verse 3 indicates a continuation of the thought in verses 1-2. We are to do the things mentioned in those verses because we used to be the things mentioned in verse 3. It doesn’t make sense to continue in the actions of verse 3 because we aren’t that kind of person any more. What kinds of thoughts, attitudes, and actions are in your life that need to be changed?

One of the biggest criticisms about Christians is that they’re hypocrites. Some are; they are saved, but they live like they’re not. If you are a child of God, live like it. Don’t be a hypocrite!

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After Paul told Titus of the things that was to tell the people of Crete were supposed to be and reminding them of their past, he reminded them of the great change that happened inside them when they were saved.

1. Read Titus 3 – According to verse 4, what appeared to man?
2. According to verse 5, we are not saved by what?
3. What does Isaiah 64:6 teach us about our works of righteousness?
4. What is it that did save us?
5. Paul talked about the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost. Regeneration is receiving new life. This term is used to indicate that something was returned to its perfectly clean state. Though we will never be sinless on earth, every sin is forgiven at the moment of salvation. What did Jesus teach about regeneration in John 3:3-7?
6. Paul also mentioned the renewing of the Holy Ghost. This is a complete change for the better made possible only by the work of God. The emphasis of this verse is that salvation is not based on anything we can do. Why did Paul make such a big deal about that fact?
7. According to verse 6, did the Holy Spirit give us regeneration and renewing sparingly or generously?
8. Through Whom did He give us those things?

Salvation is a gift from God. We can’t work for it; we don’t deserve it. There is no bragging. All we can say is “Thank You.”

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Our salvation is a wonderful gift from God. We have no right to brag about any good that we have done. Our salvation makes a great change in our heart; it should also make a noticeable difference in our actions.

1. Read Titus 3 – According to verse 7, Paul said that we were justified. That means “declared righteous.” By what are we justified?
2. We didn’t deserve to be saved. Paul gave the result of our salvation in verse 7. What are we made at the time of salvation?
3. Paul turned his attention from what we were before salvation to what we should be after salvation. In verse 8 Paul said that his statement was faithful or trustworthy. It was a statement that Titus was to repeat, remind, and support. He said that people who have believed in God should do something. What was it?
4. God doesn’t want His people to float aimlessly through life. He wants us to be busy doing spiritually profitable things. There are countless things that could take up our time that have absolutely no eternal value. What are some things you can do to make an eternal difference in someone else’s life?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
5. What two words did Paul use to describe his instructions at the end of verse 8?

Following God’s instructions for your life will always be good and profitable for you. Using our time to make a difference in eternity will gain us eternal rewards. Using our time to watch TV and play Guitar Hero will get us nothing in Heaven.

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Paul is beginning to finish his short but priceless letter to a young leader. There has been much that should make a difference in our lives. Paul has just a few more instructions for Titus before he is finished.

1. Read Titus 3 – Paul named five things in verse 9 that Titus was to avoid. What are they?
2. Why do you think a young pastor in charge of several, struggling, infant churches should avoid those things?
3. How did Paul describe those things at the end of the verse?
4. Satan is good at getting us distracted and focusing on what is unimportant. Can we maintain good works (v. 8) if we are focused on unimportant things?
5. Paul addressed heretics in verse 10. A heretic is someone who does not follow correct doctrine. Titus and following pastors were responsible to admonish them. What should happen after they have been admonished twice?
6. Paul said that heretics are subverted; they are twisted, torn up, and inside out. Why would it be good for the church not to have them in it?
7. Heretics sin because they are not following right doctrine. What do their actions do to themselves?

Paul didn’t want Titus to be distracted by unimportant arguments. Defending doctrine is much more important. What distracts you from doing what you are supposed to do? Get rid of it!

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Now that Paul had given Titus all the instructions that a young leader would need in a difficult ministry, he concluded his letter with a few logistical issues. These last details may seem boring and monotonous, but they are actually very important and can teach us an important lesson.

5. Read Titus 3 – According to verse 12, what two men was Paul considering sending to Crete?
6. What was Titus to do when either one of them got there?
7. According to verse 13, what two men was he supposed to bring with him?
8. How was Titus to bring them so that they wouldn't be lacking anything for their journey?
9. According to verse 14, what were the people to learn?
10. Why do you think Paul mentioned that again?
11. Paul wanted them to maintain good works for necessary uses, for things that were important. What did Paul want to prevent?
12. Paul sent greetings from everyone with him to Titus. Do you think this was helpful for Titus? Why or why not?
13. What was the last thing that Paul told Titus to do?
14. Paul asked for God's grace to be on Titus and all the Believers on Crete. Why would that be helpful in their specific situation?

Titus had a huge task, but God gave him everything he needed to fulfill it. God will do the same thing for you!