

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO TITUS

¹ Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of the choice ones of God, and an acknowledging of truth that [is] according to piety, ² upon hope of life age-during, which God, who doth not lie, did promise before times of ages, ³ (and He manifested in proper times His word,) in preaching, which I was entrusted with, according to a charge of God our Saviour, ⁴ to Titus — true child according to a common faith: Grace, kindness, peace, from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour! ⁵ For this cause left I thee in Crete, that the things lacking thou mayest arrange, and mayest set down in every city elders, as I did appoint to thee; ⁶ if any one is blameless, of one wife a husband, having children stedfast, not under accusation of riotous living or insubordinate — ⁷ for it behoveth the overseer to be blameless, as God's steward, not self-pleased, nor irascible, not given to wine, not a striker, not given to filthy lucre; ⁸ but a lover of strangers, a lover of good men, sober-minded, righteous, kind, self-controlled, ⁹ holding — according to the teaching — to the stedfast word, that he may be able also to exhort in the sound teaching, and the gainsayers to convict; ¹⁰ for there are many both insubordinate, vainglories, and mind-deceivers — especially they of the circumcision — ¹¹ whose mouth it behoveth to

stop, who whole households do overturn, teaching what things it behoveth not, for filthy lucre's sake. ¹² A certain one of them, a prophet of their own, said — 'Cretans! always liars, evil beasts, lazy bellies!' ¹³ this testimony is true; for which cause convict them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, ¹⁴ not giving heed to Jewish fables and commands of men, turning themselves away from the truth; ¹⁵ all things, indeed, [are] pure to the pure, and to the defiled and unstedfast [is] nothing pure, but of them defiled [are] even the mind and the conscience; ¹⁶ God they profess to know, and in the works they deny [Him], being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work disapproved.

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¹ And thou — be speaking what doth become the sound teaching; ² aged men to be temperate, grave, sober, sound in the faith, in the love, in the endurance; ³ aged women, in like manner, in deportment as doth become sacred persons, not false accusers, to much wine not enslaved, of good things teachers, ⁴ that they may make the young women sober-minded, to be lovers of [their] husbands, lovers of [their] children, ⁵ sober, pure, keepers of [their own] houses, good, subject to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be evil spoken of. ⁶ The younger men, in like manner, be exhorting to be sober-minded; ⁷ concerning all things thyself showing a pattern of good works; in the teaching uncorruptedness,

gravity, incorruptibility, ⁸ discourse sound, irreprehensible, that he who is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say concerning you. ⁹ Servants — to their own masters [are] to be subject, in all things to be well-pleasing, not gainsaying, ¹⁰ not purloining, but showing all good stedfastness, that the teaching of God our Saviour they may adorn in all things. ¹¹ For the saving grace of God was manifested to all men, ¹² teaching us, that denying the impiety and the worldly desires, soberly and righteously and piously we may live in the present age, ¹³ waiting for the blessed hope and manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who did give himself for us, that he might ransom us from all lawlessness, and might purify to himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works; ¹⁵ these things be speaking, and exhorting, and convicting, with all charge; let no one despise thee!

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¹ Remind them to be subject to principalities and authorities, to obey rule, unto every good work to be ready, ² of no one to speak evil, not to be quarrelsome — gentle, showing all meekness to all men, ³ for we were once — also we — thoughtless, disobedient, led astray, serving desires and pleasures manifold, in malice and envy living, odious — hating one another; ⁴ and when the kindness and the love to men of God our Saviour did appear ⁵ (not by works that [are] in righteousness that we did but according to His kindness,) He did save us, through a bathing of regeneration,

and a renewing of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ which He poured upon us richly, through Jesus Christ our Saviour, ⁷ that having been declared righteous by His grace, heirs we may become according to the hope of life age-during. ⁸ Stedfast [is] the word; and concerning these things I counsel thee to affirm fully, that they may be thoughtful, to be leading in good works — who have believed God; these are the good and profitable things to men, ⁹ and foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about law, stand away from — for they are unprofitable and vain. ¹⁰ A sectarian man, after a first and second admonition be rejecting, ¹¹ having known that he hath been subverted who [is] such, and doth sin, being self-condemned. ¹² When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, be diligent to come unto me to Nicopolis, for there to winter I have determined. ¹³ Zenas the lawyer and Apollos bring diligently on their way, that nothing to them may be lacking, ¹⁴ and let them learn — ours also — to be leading in good works to the necessary uses, that they may not be unfruitful. ¹⁵ Salute thee do all those with me; salute those loving us in faith; the grace [is] with you all!

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