

**Titus 1**

**1 Paul, a bond-servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the faith of those chosen of God and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness,**

**2 in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago,**

**3 but at the proper time manifested, even His word, in the proclamation with which I was entrusted according to the commandment of God our Savior,**

**4 To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.**

**5 For this reason I left you in Crete, that you would set in order what remains and appoint elders in every city as I directed you,**

**6 namely, if any man is above reproach, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, not accused of dissipation or rebellion.**

**7 For the overseer must be above reproach as God's steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain,**

**8 but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, just, devout, self-controlled,**

**9 holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.**

**10 For there are many rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision,**

**11 who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not teach for the sake of sordid gain.**

**12 One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons."**

**13 This testimony is true. For this reason reprove them severely so that they may be sound in the faith,**

**14 not paying attention to Jewish myths and commandments of men who turn away from the truth.**

**15 To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled.**

**16 They profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him, being detestable and disobedient and worthless for any good deed.**  
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