

Titus week 1
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Titus 1:1-4 (pg. 1005)

Titus 1:1–2 (NLT) This letter is from Paul, a slave of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ. I have been sent to proclaim faith to those God has chosen and to teach them to know the truth that shows them how to live godly lives. This truth gives them confidence that they have eternal life, which God—who does not lie—promised them before the world began.

Live a Godly life:

1. It needs to be _____.
2. God's word holds the _____.
3. It brings _____ of your salvation.

Titus 1:3 (NLT) And now at just the right time he has revealed this message, which we announce to everyone. It is by the command of God our Savior that I have been entrusted with this work for him.

God has entrusted _____ with work to accomplish.

Titus 1:5 (NLT, pg. 1005) I left you on the island of Crete so you could complete our work there and appoint elders in each town as I instructed you.

Elder = A _____ within the church.

Titus 1:7a (NLT, pg. 1005) An Elder is a manager of God's household...

Titus 1:6-14 (pg. 1005)

The only way to be qualified is through the _____.

The non-qualified are not excluded from the community of faith; but are expected to _____.

The condition of your _____ will be seen by the way you live.

Titus 1:15-16 (NLT, pg. 1005) Everything is pure to those whose hearts are pure. But nothing is pure to those who are corrupt and unbelieving, because their minds and consciences are corrupted. Such people claim they know God, but they deny him by the way they live. They are detestable and disobedient, worthless for doing anything good.

Final Thought: Your life won't change until your _____ changes. Your _____ is purified by the power and blood of Jesus. What is the destination of your journey?

Titus Week 1 Discussion Questions

Read Matthew 22:37-40 and Matthew 28:19-20. These familiar passages are the general job description for every believer. How well do you feel you are living up to these in your daily journey? Explain. Which part stands out to you the most? What is the easiest aspect for you? What is the toughest? Explain.

Not only do these passages describe our personal faith goals, but also the mission of the church. Do you see current Christian culture living these out today? Why or why not? How important is church leadership in living these out? Why do you think Paul took the appointing of leaders so seriously that he gave such specific instructions to Titus (and Timothy)?

Read Titus 1:6-9. Verses 6-7 are “do not’s” for Elders. Verses 8-9 are “do this’s” for Elders. What stands out to you about these two lists? One big criticism of the Christian community is that we are too legalistic and judgmental; these verses could be used to make that point. What would be your response to this point of view?

Read Titus 1:10-16. These verses give insight as to why putting the right people in leadership is so important. Why is it so important? (come up with as many reasons as you can from the text) Compare Titus 1:12-13 to Titus 1:2. This comparison is not accidental, why do you think Paul does this? Explain.