

Titus 1

“Hard Soil”

Introduction

“So notorious were the Cretans that the Greeks actually formed a verb “kretizein”, to “cretize”, which means to lie and to cheat; and they had a proverbial phrase, “kreitzein pros Kreta,” to cretize against a Cretan, which meant to match lies with lies, as diamond cuts diamond.” (Barclay, as quoted by Guzik)

Introduction

Key Verse - Maintaining Good Works:

Titus 3:8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.

Vv 1-4

Introduction and Greeting

V 5

Setting Things in Order

V5 – Setting Things in Order

“That phrase is a medical term; it was applied to the setting of a crooked limb.” (Wiersbe)

Vv 6-8

Qualifications

Vv 6-8: Qualifications

Comparison of 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1 Identical

- Above reproach
- One wife
- Sound parental influence
- Hospitable
- Not an alcoholic
- Not combative

Vv 6-8: Qualifications

Comparison of 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1 Similar

1 Timothy 3	Titus 1
Temperate	Sensible
Prudent	Self-controlled
Able to Teach	Exhort in healthy teaching; refute contradictions
Not Contentious	Not Quick-tempered
No love of money	Not greedy for money

Vv 6-8: Qualifications

Comparison of 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1 Differences in Emphasis

1 Timothy 3	Titus 1
Respectable (conducts himself in good taste; not offensive to others)	God's Steward
Gentle	Not Self-Willed
Not a new convert	Loves Good
Has a good reputation in the community	Just (upright)
	Devout (holy)

Vv 6-8: Qualifications

“How unfit are those to govern a church who cannot govern themselves!”

- (Matthew Henry quoted by D Guzik)

V 9

Hold Fast to the Word of God

V9 – Hold Fast to the Word of God

2 Timothy 2:2

And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

Vv 10-11

**Idle Talkers and Deceivers, ...Whose
Mouths Must Be Stopped**

Vv 12-14

Difficult People

Vv 15-16

Why They Are Difficult People

Vv15-16 – Why They Are Difficult People

“Paul was refuting the false teaching of these legalists with reference to foods. They were teaching that Jewish dietary laws still applied to Christian believers.”
- Wiersbe

Vv 15-16

Why They Are Difficult People

MEDITATION VERSE

Titus 1:15

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

BENEDICTION

2 John 1:3

*Grace, mercy, [and] peace will
be with you from God the
Father and from the Lord
Jesus Christ, the Son of the
Father, in truth and love.*