

# A Survey of the New Testament

Lesson 19: Titus

“Order in the Church”

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**Summary:** These are Paul’s instructions for keeping order in the church and ordaining elders (1:5).

**Author:** \_\_\_\_\_

- He identified himself as the author (1:1)
- Some try to place the authorship of the Pastoral Epistles in the 2<sup>nd</sup> century A.D.
- But this argument is \_\_\_\_\_ due to the writer’s condemnation of lying (2 Tim. 3:13)

**Recipient:** \_\_\_\_\_

- He is not mentioned in the book of \_\_\_\_\_, but he was nevertheless involved with Paul.
- Paul took Titus to Jerusalem when he defended the Gospel against the Judaizers (Gal. 2:1,3).
- He was part of Paul’s \_\_\_\_\_ missionary journey and assisted with the Corinthian church (2 Cor. 8:23).

**Key Question: Was Paul imprisoned twice? Probably so...**

- Luke and Acts were legal defenses.
- The Prison Epistles indicate his expectation of a release.
- 1 Timothy records Paul leaving Timothy in Ephesus while he went into Macedonia.
- Titus refers to Paul working in \_\_\_\_\_ (1:5) and \_\_\_\_\_ (3:12): neither is in Acts.

**Date:**

- After his first imprisonment
- After passing through Crete into Macedonia
- Around the same time as \_\_\_\_\_
- Probably around \_\_\_\_\_

**Important People:**

- Paul: the apostle who wrote the letter and ordained Titus to the ministry
- Titus: The \_\_\_\_\_ of the letter who was left in Crete to set the church in order

## Book Content Overview:

- Introduction (1:1-5)
  - Written by Paul
  - Written to Titus, Paul's son in the faith
  - Titus' \_\_\_\_\_ (1:5)
    - Set in order the things that are wanting
    - Ordain elders in every city
- Instructions for \_\_\_\_\_ (1:6-16)
  - Personal attributes of a good bishop (1:6-9)
    - Blameless (6 & 7)
    - Have one wife and an orderly home (6)
    - Willing to sacrifice his own will (7)
    - Not easily angered (7)
    - Not a drunkard (7)
    - Not violent (7)
    - Not desirous of \_\_\_\_\_ (7)
    - Hospitable (8)
    - "Lover of good men" (8)
    - Sober, just, holy, temperate (8)
    - Firmly fixed in sound doctrine (9)
  - Personal attributes of a bad bishop (1:10-16)
    - They of the circumcision (10) who minister for gain (11)
    - Those who imitate the ungodly \_\_\_\_\_ (12-16).
- Instructions for \_\_\_\_\_ (2:1-3:7)
  - Instruct with sound doctrine for the benefit of all so that...(2:1-10)
    - Aged men would be sound in the faith and good examples (2:2)
    - Aged women would be teachers (2:3-4)
    - Young women would be orderly at home (2:4-5)
    - Young men would be sober (2:6)
    - \_\_\_\_\_ would be an example (2:7)
    - Servants would please their masters (2:8-10)
- Instruct about \_\_\_\_\_ while we wait for Christ's return (2:11-15).
- Instruct the church to maintain order in its relationships with \_\_\_\_\_ (3:1-7).
  - Relationships with government (3:1).
  - Relationships with outsiders: Remember the mercy God has given you (3:2-7).
    - Demonstrate meekness (2).
    - Remember your past (3).
    - Remember God's mercy (4-7).
- Final \_\_\_\_\_ to Titus (3:8-15)
  - Teach these things so people will follow good works (3:8).

- Avoid vain questions (3:9).
- Reject \_\_\_\_\_ (3:10-11).
- Plans for future travel (3:12-14)
- Final greeting (3:15)

**Key Theme:** \_\_\_\_\_ Responsibility

- Aged Men – to be respectable examples for the church
- Aged Women – to teach the young women from their personal experience
- Young Women – to support her husband in the functioning of her house
- Young Men – to be sober

**Application: As good members of the church, let's fulfill our responsibility to build up the body with our unique abilities.**