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- ¹ From Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the faith of God's elect, and the knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness,
- ² in hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the ages began.
- ³ But at the right time he revealed his word through the preaching with which I was entrusted, according to the command 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 The reason I left you in Crete, was so that you might put in order what was unfinished there and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you.
- ⁶ If anyone is blameless, the husband of one wife, having children that believe, who are not accused of debauchery or being rebellious.
- ⁷ For the overseer must be blameless, as God's steward. He must not be arrogant, not quick to anger, not a drunkard, violent, or greedy for gain.
- ⁸ Instead he must be hospitable, a lover of good, prudent, just, devout, and self-controlled.
- ⁹ He must hold firmly to the faithful word he was taught so that he will be able both to give instruction in the sound doctrine, and to refute those who contradict it.
- ¹⁰ For there are many rebellious people, idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision group,
- ¹¹ Their mouths must be stopped; for they mislead whole families, teaching for dishonest gain things which they ought not to.
- ¹² One of the Cretans, one of their own prophets, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons."
- ¹³ This testimony is true. For this reason rebuke them sharply, that they may become sound in the faith,
- ¹⁴ not paying attention to Jewish myths, and commands of people who turn away from the truth.
- ¹⁵ To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are corrupt and unbelieving nothing is pure, but both their minds and their consciences are corrupt.
- ¹⁶ They profess that they know God; but by their deeds they deny him. They are detestable and disobedient, and unfit for doing any good work.

Titus 2

- ¹ But as for you, teach the things which are consistent with sound doctrine.
- ² Teach older men to be temperate, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in endurance.
- ³ Similarly teach older women to be reverent in demeanor, not slanderers or addicted to much wine, but teachers of that which is good,
- ⁴ that they may train the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,
- ⁵ to be self-controlled, pure, workers in their homes, kind, being subject to their husbands, that the word of God not be criticized.
- ⁶ Similarly, urge the younger men to be self-controlled.
- ⁷ In all things showing yourself to be an example of good works. In you teaching show integrity, seriousness,
- ⁸ sound speech, that cannot be condemned, so that any opponent may be put to shame having nothing evil to say against us.
- ⁹ Servants are to be subject to their masters, and try to please them in everything. They should not talk back,
- or steal, but show themselves trustworthy, then they may make the doctrine of God our Savior attractive in everything.
- ¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.
- ¹² It instructs us, to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, that we should live self-controlled, righteous and godly lives in this present world,
- ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope and appearing of to glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.
- ¹⁴ He gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify for himself a people for himself, ones who are eager to do good works.
- ¹⁵ Teach these things. Exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one despise you.

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- ¹ Remind them to submit to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, ready to do what is good. ² Do not slander anyone, avoid quarreling, be gentle, showing humility toward all.
- ³ For we were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.
- ⁴ But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared,
- ⁵ he saved us, not because of works of righteousness, which we had done, but according to his mercy, through the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,
- ⁶ whom he richly poured out upon us, through Jesus Christ our Savior;
- ⁷ so that, being justified by his grace, we might be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
- ⁸ This saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things so that those who have believed God may be careful to do good works. These things are excellent and profitable for all.
- But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, arguments, and guarrels about the law; for they are unprofitable and worthless.
- ¹⁰ After giving a first and second warning to a divisive person, have nothing to do with him.
- ¹¹ Know that such a person is perverted, and sinful, being self-condemned.
- ¹² When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there.
- ¹³ Do everything you can to speed Zenas, the lawyer, and Apollos on their way. Give them everything they need.
- ¹⁴ And let our people devote themselves to do good works to meet any urgent needs and not live unproductive lives.
- ¹⁵ All who are with me greet you. Greet those who love us in faith. Grace be with all of you.