

The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to TITUS

**LOOK around; what do you see?
Do you see works of love and purity?
Do you see beyond all evil to the hand of
the Lord?**

**For to the pure, all things are pure.
Look around, Titus, in every city,
and ordain elders as I have appointed you;
Not those who are self-willed, but who love
hospitality
and those who will see with purity.**

TITUS 1

¹Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ,

according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is according to godliness,

²in hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised before the world began,

³but has, in due time, made His word known through the preaching of Christ,

which was committed to me in accordance with the commandment of God, our Savior;

⁴to Titus, my own son in this common faith. Grace, peace and mercy from God our Father and our Savior Jesus Christ.

⁵For this reason I left you in Crete that you should urgently set in order the things that are lacking there, and that you should ordain elders in every city as I have appointed you.

⁶If any is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children, not accused of riot, nor unruly ways.

⁷For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God,

not self-willed, not easily angered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for filthy wealth;

⁸but a lover of hospitality, a lover of good, sober, just, temperate and holy,

⁹holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught,

that he may be able by sound doctrine to exhort and convince those who are contradictory.

¹⁰For there are many idle talkers, deceivers, unruly,

especially those of the circumcision,

¹¹whose mouths must be stopped, who destabilize entire households, teaching things they ought not for the sake of filthy gains.

¹²One of them, even their own prophet, said, "The Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies."

¹³This witness is true; therefore rebuke them

sharply that they may be sound in the faith, ¹⁴not giving heed to Jewish fables and commandment of men who turn from the truth.

¹⁵Unto the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but even their mind and their conscience are defiled.

¹⁶They profess to know God, but they deny Him in works, being abominable and disobedient and disqualified for every good work.

CWDS Bible Quotes

- 1. Eternal life is a promise made in eternity, preached in time, as an eternal hope for those who respond on time in time.*
- 2. The promise is as good as the person who gives it. The promise of eternity is the promise of God who cannot lie.*
- 3. The only way to extend your life is to attend to life for you cannot amend your life after time ends.*
- 4. Strong pillars are positioning for strong structures; weak pillars crumble and bring the structure down on itself; absence of pillars limits expansion and restricts growth.*
- 5. Demonstrated maturity, good temperament and control, are qualities that characterize and qualify bishops and church leaders.*
- 6. Point believers to Christ for there are many waiting to point them to themselves and to turn their feet away to the devil.*
- 7. The church will never be short of troublemakers; you can minimize their destruction by rebuking them and exposing them, and in so doing, not endorsing them.*
- 8. Your vision of the world, of things and of people is a picture of your heart; a pure heart sees everything from a place of purity and purifies everything it sees that is not pure. A defiled heart suspects impurity in everything and proves impurity in the pure so to reject it.*
- 9. Suspicion and mistrust is self-condemning and contaminating.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Holy Spirit, minister to human hearts the revelation of life. Amen.
- Righteous Father, Your word is unfailing; we embrace our eternal hope in You. Amen.
- I speak diligent pursuit of life into the hearts and spirits of every heir of this precious promise, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- King of glory, raise up strong pillars in our churches to support our pastors and leaders, in the name of Jesus.
- Power of self-control and good character, be the portion of our leaders, in the name of Jesus.

**A MESSAGE to the aged men:
Be sound in love, patience and faith.**

**A message to the old women:
Be sound in love, yes, love always.
Aged women give the message to the
young women,
And let the young men show good works.
And there is a message for all people
who are looking for the blessed hope.**

TITUS 2

¹But you should speak those things which amount to sound doctrine.
²That the older men be sober, temperate, reverent, sound in faith, in love and patience.
³The older women, likewise, that they be holy in behavior, not false accusers, nor given to much wine, teachers of good things;
⁴that they may teach the younger women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,
⁵be chaste, discreet, home makers, good and obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God is not blasphemed.
⁶Also exhort the younger men to be sober minded,
⁷showing yourself an example of good works in all things.
 Not corrupt in doctrine, but show sincerity and reverence
⁸with sound speech that cannot be condemned;
 that those who are contradictory may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say about you.
⁹Exhort bond-servants to be obedient to their own masters,
 and to please them well in all things, not answering back insolently,
¹⁰not purloining, but rather showing all good fidelity,
 that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.
¹¹For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.
¹²Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lust, we should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world.
¹³Looking for the blessed hope and the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,
¹⁴who gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity,
 and purify us unto Himself, a peculiar people, jealous after good works.
¹⁵These things speak, rebuke and exhort with all authority.
 Let no man despise you.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Christianity connotes character which communicates Christ.
2. There is a standard expectation for older men to exemplify Christ to others. Although age does not denote maturity, maturity is always expected from the aged.
3. The world is wrong-sided when the younger wom-

- en set the trends and standard for the older women, the family and the home; the world is right-sided when the older woman having lived the standards passes them down to the younger women in the home and through mentorship.
4. Wives represent the word of God to the world of the husband so their husband can appreciate the word and standard of their God and not blaspheme His holy name in the world.
 5. Your stance in faith must be grounded on standards of integrity, humility and steadfastness that demonstrate Christ.
 6. They may feel called to oppose you but your Christian character should give them no cause. They may desire to berate, but they must have nothing evil to say.
 7. The uglier your situation, the greater your opportunity to present Christ by representing His character and restraint; the stronger the background, the greater the emphasis.
 8. Even though you may not be pleased with your work or engagement, you please well so that Christ will be well pleased with you.
 9. Excellent is your distinguishing signature that is distinct on any parchment you write on and defining in every environment.
 10. The power to be different in an age of indifference is defined by the cross.
 11. The grace that brings salvation is impartial; the wisdom to receive salvation is not.
 12. We have something to look into because we have something to look forward to; we look into our ways because we look forward to our blessed hope and the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 13. We are positioned by the sacrifice of Christ, purified by Christ, to the person of Christ, for the purpose of passionately performing good works zealously for Christ.

PRAYER POINTS

- Father, let good conduct and character representation be the portion of every Christian today, in the name of Jesus.
- Most High God, stir up principled pursuit of Your word into the heart of every believer, that they will grow and become mature in faith. Amen.
- Righteous Father, let the holy standards set and adhered to by mothers in the faith, be their ministry to young women in this age. Amen.
- Holy Spirit, breathe wisdom to the spirits of wives in every household so they may point their husbands to You. Amen.
- Jesus my Lord, help me to represent You well, every day of my life. Amen.

**Be ready in every good work,
Obey magistrates,
Show meekness to everyone,
for we ourselves were just as they:
Disobedient, foolish, deceived,
Living in malice and envy.
Be careful to maintain good works.
I have said this many times, over and
again,
But this should not surprise you:
It is not by works that you are saved.**

TITUS 3

¹Put them in the frame of mind to be subject

to rulers and authorities, to obey magistrates and to be ready for every good work.

²To speak evil of no one, to be no brawler, rather gentle, showing all meekness to all men.

³For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy; hateful and hating each other.

⁴But then the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared.

⁵Not by works of righteousness which we have done,

but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost,

⁶whom He gave to us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord,

⁷that being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

⁸This is a faithful saying, and these things I desire that you affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works.

These things are good and profitable to all men.

⁹But avoid foolish questions, genealogies, contentions and disputing about the law, for they are unprofitable and not beneficial.

¹⁰If a man is divisive, reject him after the first and second admonition,

¹¹knowing that such a person is subverted and stained with sin, being condemned of his own self.

¹²Now when I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, be diligent to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there.

¹³Bring Zenas the lawyer and Apollos diligently on their journey, that they may lack nothing.

¹⁴And let our people also learn to maintain good works, as necessary, that they may not be unfruitful.

¹⁵All those who are with me salute you. Greet those who love us in the faith.

Grace be with you all. Amen.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Position of authority does not necessarily mean perfection of personality; it requires alignment, obedience and righteous positioning.*
2. *It does not matter how evil your leaders are, you are not to speak evil about them, magnify their evil to others, or speak of them with evil intent.*
3. *You may have done many good already, but in Christ we are always ready to do good and to do more good.*
4. *Instead of praising and celebrating at the monument of our works, we sit at the feet of mercy and appreciate and enter into His works, for the best of our works cannot work our righteousness.*
5. *There may be a shortage of people being saved but there is no shortage of grace and the pouring out of the Holy Spirit. He was poured out abundantly for us.*
6. *With the futility of our efforts we are here, there and nowhere; with the justification of grace we are heirs of the hope of life eternal.*
7. *It must be clear that good works cannot save you, even while you maintain good works with care in the spirit of love which is the spirit of the cross.*
8. *If you cannot admonish them, it is best to avoid them than to dispute with them in order to demolish them and their arguments.*
9. *Your willingness to do good and to maintain good works engages God's unwillingness to see you not lacking any good thing and His readiness to do you good.*
10. *Have a mind set to meet needs and you will have a path set to glory.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Mighty God, by the power in the blood of Jesus, let our leaders grow and mature in Your word. Amen.
- I speak the grace of honor into the heart of every believer today; let their conduct convey the love and character of Christ always. Amen.
- I release the love of Christ that compels good works into the heart of every believer, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Heavenly Father, I sit at the feet of mercy and celebrate Your works above mine. Amen.
- Let the grace that constantly springs from the cross of Calvary reach the hearts of sinners today. Amen.

The missionary exploits of the apostle Paul, and his suffering, is recorded in the Books of Acts and evidenced in the Epistles he wrote which form a significant part of the New Testament. Hippolytus records that Paul with Peter founded the church in Rome, and that like Peter, Paul met his fate in Rome. Paul, being a Roman citizen, could not be crucified as Peter was, but got an 'easier' death sentence, he was beheaded. He asserts that, the accounts of Peter and Paul is substantiated by the fact that their names are preserved in the cemeteries of that place to this present day.

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