

Titus 1-3 (NKJV)

Greeting

1 Paul, a _____ of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's _____ and the acknowledgment of the _____ which accords with godliness, ² in _____ of eternal life which God, who cannot _____, promised before _____ began, ³ but has in due time manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior;

⁴ To Titus, a _____ son in *our* _____ faith:

Grace, _____, and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.

Qualified Elders

⁵ For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in _____ the things that are lacking, and appoint _____ in every city as I commanded you—⁶ if a man is blameless, the _____ of one wife, having faithful _____ not accused of dissipation or insubordination. ⁷ For a _____ must be blameless, as a _____ of God, not _____-willed, not _____-tempered, not given to _____, not violent, not _____ for money, ⁸ but hospitable, a _____ of what is _____, sober-minded, just, holy, self-_____,⁹ holding fast the faithful _____ as he has been _____, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to _____ and _____ those who contradict.

The Elders' Task

¹⁰ For there are many insubordinate, both _____ talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, ¹¹ whose _____ must be stopped, who subvert whole _____, teaching things which they ought not, for the sake of dishonest _____. ¹² One of them, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always _____, evil _____, lazy _____." ¹³ This testimony is true. Therefore _____ them sharply, that they may be _____ in the faith, ¹⁴ not giving heed to Jewish _____ and commandments of men who turn from the _____. ¹⁵ To the _____ all things are pure, but to those who are _____ and unbelieving _____ is pure; but even

their _____ and conscience are defiled.¹⁶ They _____ to know God, but in _____ they _____ Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for _____ good work.

Qualities of a Sound Church

2 But as for you, speak the things which are _____ for sound doctrine:² that the older men be _____, reverent, temperate, sound in _____, in _____, in patience;³ the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not _____, not given to much _____, teachers of good things—⁴ that they admonish the _____ women to _____ their husbands, to _____ their children,⁵ to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, _____, obedient to their own husbands, that the _____ of God may not be blasphemed.

⁶ Likewise, exhort the young _____ to be sober-minded,⁷ in all things showing yourself *to be* a _____ of good _____; in doctrine *showing* _____, reverence, incorruptibility,⁸ sound _____ that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing _____ to say of you.

⁹ Exhort bondservants to be obedient to their own _____, to be well pleasing in _____ *things*, not answering back,¹⁰ not _____, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.

Trained by Saving Grace

¹¹ For the _____ of God that brings salvation has appeared to _____ men,¹² teaching us that, denying ungodliness and _____ lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and _____ in the present _____,¹³ looking for the blessed _____ and glorious appearing of our _____ God and Savior Jesus Christ,¹⁴ who gave Himself for _____, that He might redeem us from every lawless _____ and purify for Himself *His* own special _____, zealous for _____ works.

¹⁵ _____ these things, exhort, and rebuke with _____ authority. Let no one despise you.

Graces of the Heirs of Grace

3 Remind them to be subject to _____ and authorities, to _____, to be _____ for every good work,² to speak _____ of no one,

to be peaceable, _____, showing all humility to all men.³ For we ourselves were also once _____, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in _____ and envy, hateful and _____ one another.⁴ But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared,⁵ not by _____ of righteousness which we have done, but according to His _____ He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and _____ of the Holy Spirit,⁶ whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,⁷ that having been justified by His _____ we should become _____ according to the hope of eternal life.

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

Avoid Dissension

⁹ But _____ foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the _____; for they are unprofitable and _____.
¹⁰ Reject a divisive _____ after the first and second admonition,
¹¹ knowing that such a person is _____ and sinning, being self-condemned.

Final Messages

¹² When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, be diligent to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the _____ there.¹³ Send Zenas the _____ and Apollos on their _____ with haste, that they may lack nothing.¹⁴ And let our _____ also learn to maintain _____ works, to *meet* urgent _____, that they may not be unfruitful.

Farewell

¹⁵ All who *are* with me greet you. Greet those who love us in the _____.

Grace *be* with you all. Amen.