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      Paul mentions Titus several times in his letters as someone who
      worked with him in Asia Minor and Greece (
      <reference osisRef="2Cor.2.13">2 Corinthians 2.13</reference>
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      ;
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      ;
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      ). He is told by Paul to appoint church leaders and officials in
      Crete.
    </p>
    - <p>
      Paul instructs Titus to make sure that church leaders and
      officials have good reputations
      <reference osisRef="Titus.1.5-Titus.1.9">(1.5-9)</reference>
      and that all of the Lord's followers keep themselves pure and
      avoid arguments
      <reference osisRef="Titus.1.10-Titus.2.9">(1.10--2.9)</reference>
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</p>
<p>Paul includes special instructions for the different groups within
the church in Crete. He reminds Titus that a new way of life is
possible because of what God has done by sending Jesus Christ:
God has saved them, washed them by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and given them a fresh start and the hope of eternal life.</p>
<p>Paul also tells how we are saved:</p>
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- <l>
  God our Savior showed us
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  how good and kind he is.
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- <l>
  He saved us because
  <lb type="x-secondLine" />
  of his mercy,
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- <l>
  and not because
  <lb type="x-secondLine" />
  of any good things
  <lb type="x-secondLine" />
  that we have done.
  <reference osisRef="Titus.3.4-Titus.3.5!a">(3.4,5a)</reference>
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    Instructions for Church Officials
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    Instructions for Church People
    <reference osisRef="Titus.2.1-Titus.3.11">(2.1--3.11)
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  - <l>
    Personal Advice and Final Greetings
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  From Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ.
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- <p>
  I encourage God's own people to have more faith and to
  understand the truth about religion.
  <verse eID="Titus.1.1" />
  <verse sID="Titus.1.2" osisID="Titus.1.2" />
  Then they will have the hope of eternal life that God promised
  long ago. And God never tells a lie!
  <verse eID="Titus.1.2" />
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  So, at the proper time, God our Savior gave this message and
  told me to announce what he had said.
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    ;
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  Titus, because of our faith, you are like a son to me. I pray that
  God our Father and Christ Jesus our Savior will be kind to you
  and will bless you with peace!
  <verse eID="Titus.1.4" />
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  I left you in Crete to do what had been left undone and to
  appoint leaders
  - <note type="alternative" osisRef="Titus.1.5" osisID="Titus.1.5!"
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    <catchWord>leaders</catchWord>
    <rdg>elders</rdg>
    or
    <rdg>presbyters</rdg>
    or
    <rdg>priests.</rdg>
  </note>
  for the churches in each town. As I told you,

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**they must have a good reputation and be faithful in marriage.**
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   <rdg>be the husband of only one wife</rdg>  
   **or**  
   <rdg>have never been divorced.</rdg>  
 </note>  
**Their children must be followers of the Lord and not have a  
 reputation for being wild and disobedient.**
- <verse eID="Titus.1.6" />  
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   <verse sID="Titus.1.7" osisID="Titus.1.7" />  
   **Church officials**
- <note type="alternative" osisRef="Titus.1.7" osisID="Titus.1.7!  
   **note">**  
   <catchWord>Church officials</catchWord>  
   <rdg>Bishops.</rdg>  
 </note>  
**are in charge of God's work, and so they must also have a good  
 reputation. They must not be bossy, quick-tempered, heavy  
 drinkers, bullies, or dishonest in business.**
- <verse eID="Titus.1.7" />  
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**Instead, they must be friendly to strangers and enjoy doing good  
 things. They must also be sensible, fair, pure, and self-  
 controlled.**
- <verse eID="Titus.1.8" />  
 <verse sID="Titus.1.9" osisID="Titus.1.9" />  
**They must stick to the true message they were taught, so that  
 their good teaching can help others and correct everyone who  
 opposes it.**
- <verse eID="Titus.1.9" />  
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- <p>  
   <verse sID="Titus.1.10" osisID="Titus.1.10" />  
   **There are many who don't respect authority, and they fool others  
 by talking nonsense. This is especially true of some Jewish  
 followers.**
- <verse eID="Titus.1.10" />  
 <verse sID="Titus.1.11" osisID="Titus.1.11" />  
**But you must make them be quiet. They are after money, and  
 they upset whole families by teaching what they should not.**
- <verse eID="Titus.1.11" />  
 <verse sID="Titus.1.12" osisID="Titus.1.12" />  
**It is like one of their own prophets once said,**

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  "The people of Crete
  <lb type="x-secondLine" />
  always tell lies.
  </l>
- <l>
  They are greedy and lazy
  <lb type="x-secondLine" />
  like wild animals."
  </l>
  <verse eID="Titus.1.12" />
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- <p>
  <verse sID="Titus.1.13" osisID="Titus.1.13" />
  That surely is a true saying. And you should be hard on such
  people, so you can help them grow stronger in their faith.
  <verse eID="Titus.1.13" />
  <verse sID="Titus.1.14" osisID="Titus.1.14" />
  Don't pay any attention to any of those senseless Jewish stories
  and human commands. These are made up by people who won't
  obey the truth.
  <verse eID="Titus.1.14" />
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  Everything is pure for someone whose heart is pure. But nothing
  is pure for an unbeliever with a dirty mind. That person's mind
  and conscience are destroyed.
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  Such people claim to know God, but their actions prove that they
  really don't. They are disgusting. They won't obey God, and they
  are too worthless to do anything good.
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  Titus, you must teach only what is correct.
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  <verse sID="Titus.2.2" osisID="Titus.2.2" />
  Tell the older men to have self-control and to be serious and
  sensible. Their faith, love, and patience must never fail.
  <verse eID="Titus.2.2" />
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<verse sID="Titus.2.3" osisID="Titus.2.3" />

**Tell the older women to behave as those who love the Lord should. They must not gossip about others or be slaves of wine. They must teach what is proper,**

<verse eID="Titus.2.3" />

<verse sID="Titus.2.4" osisID="Titus.2.4" />

**so the younger women will be loving wives and mothers.**

<verse eID="Titus.2.4" />

<verse sID="Titus.2.5" osisID="Titus.2.5" />

**Each of the younger women must be sensible and kind, as well as a good homemaker, who puts her own husband first. Then no one can say insulting things about God's message.**

<verse eID="Titus.2.5" />

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<verse sID="Titus.2.6" osisID="Titus.2.6" />

**Tell the young men to have self-control in everything.**

<verse eID="Titus.2.6" />

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<verse sID="Titus.2.7" osisID="Titus.2.7" />

**Always set a good example for others. Be sincere and serious when you teach.**

<verse eID="Titus.2.7" />

<verse sID="Titus.2.8" osisID="Titus.2.8" />

**Use clean language that no one can criticize. Do this, and your enemies will be too ashamed to say anything against you.**

<verse eID="Titus.2.8" />

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<verse sID="Titus.2.9" osisID="Titus.2.9" />

**Tell slaves always to please their owners by obeying them in everything. Slaves must not talk back to their owners**

<verse eID="Titus.2.9" />

<verse sID="Titus.2.10" osisID="Titus.2.10" />

**or steal from them. They must be completely honest and trustworthy. Then everyone will show great respect for what is taught about God our Savior.**

<verse eID="Titus.2.10" />

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**God has shown us how kind he is by coming to save all people.**

<verse eID="Titus.2.11" />

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**He taught us to give up our wicked ways and our worldly desires and to live decent and honest lives in this world.**

<verse eID="Titus.2.12" />

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**We are filled with hope, as we wait for the glorious return of our**

**great God and Savior Jesus Christ.**

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**He gave himself to rescue us from everything that is evil and to make our hearts pure. He wanted us to be his own people and to be eager to do right.**

<verse eID="Titus.2.14" />

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<verse sID="Titus.2.15" osisID="Titus.2.15" />

**Teach these things, as you use your full authority to encourage and correct people. Make sure you earn everyone's respect.**

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**Remind your people to obey the rulers and authorities and not to be rebellious. They must always be ready to do something helpful**

<verse eID="Titus.3.1" />  
 <verse sID="Titus.3.2" osisID="Titus.3.2" />  
**and not say cruel things or argue. They should be gentle and kind to everyone.**  
 <verse eID="Titus.3.2" />  
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**We used to be stupid, disobedient, and foolish, as well as slaves of all sorts of desires and pleasures. We were evil and jealous. Everyone hated us, and we hated everyone.**  
 <verse eID="Titus.3.3" />  
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 - <lg>  
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   <verse sID="Titus.3.4" osisID="Titus.3.4" />  
   **God our Savior showed us**  
   <lb type="x-secondLine" />  
   **how good and kind he is.**  
   <verse eID="Titus.3.4" />  
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   <verse sID="Titus.3.5" osisID="Titus.3.5" />  
   **He saved us because**  
   <lb type="x-secondLine" />  
   **of his mercy,**  
   </l>  
   <l>**and not because**</l>  
 - <l>  
   **of any good things**  
   <lb type="x-secondLine" />  
   **that we have done.**  
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   **God washed us by the power**  
   <lb type="x-secondLine" />  
   **of the Holy Spirit.**  
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   **He gave us new birth**  
   <lb type="x-secondLine" />  
   **and a fresh beginning.**  
   <verse eID="Titus.3.5" />  
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   <verse sID="Titus.3.6" osisID="Titus.3.6" />  
   **God sent Jesus Christ**  
   </l>  
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   **our Savior**  
   <lb type="x-secondLine" />  
   **to give us his Spirit.**

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  Jesus treated us much better
  <lb type="x-secondLine" />
  than we deserve.
  </l>
  <l>He made us acceptable to God</l>
- <l>
  and gave us the hope
  <lb type="x-secondLine" />
  of eternal life.
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  <verse sID="Titus.3.8" osisID="Titus.3.8" />
  This message is certainly true.
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- <p>
  These teachings are useful and helpful for everyone. I want you
to insist that the people follow them, so that all who have faith in
God will be sure to do good deeds.
  <verse eID="Titus.3.8" />
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  But don't have anything to do with stupid arguments about
ancestors. And stay away from disagreements and quarrels
about the Law of Moses. Such arguments are useless and
senseless.
  <verse eID="Titus.3.9" />
  </p>
- <p>
  <verse sID="Titus.3.10" osisID="Titus.3.10" />
  Warn troublemakers once or twice. Then don't have anything
else to do with them.
  <verse eID="Titus.3.10" />
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  You know that their minds are twisted, and their own sins show
how guilty they are.
  <verse eID="Titus.3.11" />
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I plan to send Artemas or Tychicus to you. After he arrives,
please try your best to meet me at Nicopolis. I have decided to
spend the winter there.
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</note>
When Zenas the lawyer and Apollos get ready to leave, help
them as much as you can, so they won't have need of anything.
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- <p>
<verse sID="Titus.3.14" osisID="Titus.3.14" />
Our people should learn to spend their time doing something
useful and worthwhile.
<verse eID="Titus.3.14" />
</p>
- <p>
<verse sID="Titus.3.15" osisID="Titus.3.15" />
Greetings to you from everyone here. Greet all of our friends who
share in our faith.
</p>
- <p>
I pray that the Lord will be kind to all of you!
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