

Study Buddies:

Quick Bible Reference Guides

TITUS: Special Instructions for Godly Living

Note: this sheet was prepared based upon the Contemporary English Version of the Bible, however it is always good to use more than one version as a reference. This practice will enable you to compare the language of the translations and gain a fuller understanding of the text.

Overview

This letter was written to Titus, an early leader in the church. Originally it included special instructions for the different groups within in the church in Crete. But it is very relevant for today's Christians as well.

The letter encourages Titus to continue teaching the truth about the faith and to instruct people on living their lives as God wants. Apparently, some of the people in the churches in Crete were trying to fool some of the followers by teaching false things.



Key Points and Verses

Please read the whole book to gain the fullest experience. These points are just a few of the highlights that have been encapsulated from the text.

- vs. 1: 5-9 Church leaders and false teachers
- vs. 2: 1-10 Instructions for productive living
- vs. 2: 11-15 God's kindness and the new life
- vs. 3: 1-2 Overcoming rebelliousness and respecting authority
- vs. 3: 8-11 Avoiding senseless theological arguments

Study Questions

1. According to the author of TITUS how are appointed church leaders and officials to live? (1:5-9). Do you think church leaders, pastors, and priests are expected to live according to a higher set of standards than anyone else? Why or why not?
2. What do you think "everything is pure for the pure in heart" (1:15) means? How does this statement affect you?
3. According to the author of TITUS how did God show his kindness? (2:11-14; 3:4- 7).
4. Why was Titus instructed to remind the people in his care to obey the government rulers and authorities? (3:1) What might have been the consequences if they were rebellious? What do you think of this advice?

Something to Think About

(additional food for thought)

What was the most important thing you learned from reading TITUS?