

## Outline of Titus

The book of Titus is a letter from the apostle Paul to a young pastor named Titus who is on the Island of Crete. In it, Paul gives instruction to Titus on a number of matters particular to his ministry on the island, particularly how he is to set in order the churches there. This includes the appointment of elders for the churches and instructions on how to teach the people in the churches. While an example specific to Crete is utilized (1:12-13), these words are profitable for the church throughout this age. It was written about 65 A.D.

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II. Installation of Elders on Crete.....	1:5-16
A. Personal Qualifications of Elders .....	1:5-8
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2. Reason Why Such Elders are Needed .....	1:10-11
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4. To Younger Men, Including Example of Titus .....	2:6-8
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C. Reason for the Teaching: Saving Grace .....	2:11-14
D. Reiteration of Command to Teach .....	2:15
IV. General Exhortations Required .....	3:1-11
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B. Reason for Exercising Humility: Salvation by Grace .....	3:3-7
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V. Final Instructions and Closing .....	3:12-15
A. Meeting with Paul .....	3:12
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C. Closing Exhortation to Good Works.....	3:14
D. Closing Greetings .....	3:15

## Notes

- ❑ Notice key commands in the body of the letter: set in order (1:5), appoint (1:5), rebuke (1:13), speak (2:1), exhort (2:6), speak/exhort/rebuke (2:15), remind (3:1), affirm (3:8), avoid (3:9), reject (3:10).
- ❑ Notice key explanations based on the explanatory *gar* (γάρ): 1:7, 1:10, 2:11, 3:3, 3:9, 3:12. These are the only six verses that use *gar* in the letter.
- ❑ The instructions given directly to Titus in especially chapters 2 and 3 will undoubtedly be passed from Titus to the other elders (see 2 Tim. 2:2).
- ❑ 2:15 is paired with 2:1.
- ❑ Note the emphasis on works and good works: 1:16, 2:7, 2:14, 3:1, 3:5, 3:8, 3:14.