

# Survey of Titus

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1. Titus 1:1-5. Paul had left Titus in Crete probably as an interim pastor. Crete was a small island just south of Corinth; and Paul had already sent Titus to Corinth to seek generous giving (2 Cor. 8:1-15).
2. After Titus' ministry in Corinth, he goes to Crete to organize the church there.

## Outline of Titus

Personal Address and Greeting (1:1-4)  
The Qualifications for Elders (1:5-9)  
A Warning against False Teachers (1:10-16)  
Various Instructions (2:1-10)  
The Christian Duty of Good Works (2:11-3:11)  
Personal Messages and Farewells (3:12-15)

## Main Points and Application

1. **Church structure:** Paul leaves Titus in Crete **"to set the church in order"** (1:5). What order?
  - 1:5; Acts 14:23→ Establish rule by a plurality of elders
  - 1: 9, 14; 2:1; 1 Tim. 3:14, 15→
  - 1:10, 11→
  - 1:14→ Silence teaching by myths and commandments of men
  - 1:15, 16→ Make clear distinctions between Christians and nonChristians

Why is church government important for the worship and work of the church?

2. **Commandments of men issues, 1:14.** Titus is told "don't pay attention to myths and commandments of men". Why should we have this concern today?

### 3. **Salvation issues:**

- Teach in accord with sound doctrine, 2:1-15
- How are we saved, 3:1-5)

4. **Dealing with others:** Don't try to win a factious man; "reject a factious man after a first and second warning" (**Titus 3:10**, 2 Tim. 3:1-5). What do you think of this statement? What does a factious person look like or act like? Why not try to just win them? What kind of things do false teachers teach?

- The presence and consumption of alcohol of any kind is shameful, sinful and a sign of the last days
- Wearing hats indoors is a sign of a rebellious heart
- Enjoying music with a syncopated beat is lustful, unholy and irreverent
- Anyone who does not have a multitude of children is probably under a curse from God
- There are higher classes of Christians and the most holy home-school
- All dating is sinful, courtship is okay
- You can be defiled from things outside the body, from the world, from TV, books, dolls, amusements (Mark 7:1-23)