

HOLD TO THE TRUSTWORTHY MESSAGE

Titus 1:1–16

Key Verse: 1:9

“He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.”

1. How did Paul identify himself? (1a) What was the purpose of his calling? (1b) What does Paul mean by “the truth”? (1c; 2:11,13–14; 3:4–7; cf. 1Ti2:4) How does knowledge of this truth lead to godliness? How does Paul describe the certainty of our hope? (2–3) How did Paul address Titus and bless him? (4)
2. Why did Paul leave Titus in Crete? (5) What is an “elder”? What does the word “blameless” encompass? (6a) What qualities should an elder have in his family life? (6b; cf. 1Ti3:2–4) Why is an elder’s family life so important?
3. What is the spiritual responsibility of an overseer/elder? (7a; cf. 1Pe4:10) What negative character traits must he not have? (7b) What positive character traits must he have? (8) To what message should he hold firmly, and what does this mean? (9a; 1Ti1:15) How does holding to this message equip him to serve God’s household? (9b)
4. Who are those who oppose the trustworthy message, and what is their influence and motive? (10,11b) What should Titus do with them? (11a) What kind of people did Titus have to serve in Crete? (12–13a) How should he help them? (13b–14)
5. How does Paul contrast the way “the pure” and “those who are corrupted” view the world? (15) How does corrupted people’s hypocrisy deny their faith? (16; cf. Mt23:25,27–28) How can we be pure? (1Jn1:7,9) How does this enable us to live as God’s servants?