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## How Can a Godless Society Fail to Be Impacted When There's a Vibrant, Healthy Church in Its Midst?

**You are about to begin a study of a powerful and greatly needed epistle which was written almost 2,000 years ago . . . a letter which, if read and heeded, could turn our churches around and thus impact our communities and eventually our nation.**

### TAKING IT IN

1. All study of the Word of God should be preceded by prayer. This is God's Book and the truths within it are made plain by the ministry of the Spirit of God. Ask God to open the eyes of your understanding, to lead you and guide you into all truth, and to cleanse and nourish you through the "washing of water with the word" (Ephesians 5:26).
2. In the Appendix of this workbook you will find a copy of the book of Titus. We refer to these as Observation Worksheets. These are simply the text of the New American Standard Bible printed double-spaced.
  - a. Read your Observation Worksheets on Titus and mark (color) in a distinctive way every reference to the author and to the recipient. Use two distinct colors or markings so you can easily distinguish, at a glance, one from the other. (For instance, you might color the references to the author in blue and those to the recipient in orange.) As you identify each one, make sure you also mark or color every synonym and pronoun which refers to the author and to the recipient in their distinctive ways. Mark only the singular pronouns and synonyms.
  - b. List what you learn from marking references to the author in chapters 1–3 on the page provided at the end of the lesson. Only record information which **describes** the author, not his instructions.
  - c. Record the author's name on "Titus at a Glance" found at the end of this lesson.

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- d. Now list what you learn about the recipient on the page provided at the end of this lesson. Again, do not record instructions.
  3. Evaluate the facts about the author and recipient. Does anything give you clues as to where Paul or Titus were, where they had been previously, where either would be later, when it was written? Record on “Titus at a Glance” what you learned about the historical setting.
  4. Now list Paul’s instructions to Titus.

5. In Titus there are three major key words: *doctrine*, *deeds*, and *sound*.
  - a. Read your Observation Worksheets again and mark each in a distinctive color or way.
  - b. Note these key words on “Titus at a Glance.”
6. How would you summarize the theme of the entire book? Use the key words. Record this on “Titus at a Glance.” A Book Theme describes the main content—the subject, person, or event that is the predominant topic(s).
7. Look over the “Titus at a Glance” chart. You will see there is a place to record Chapter Themes. A Chapter Theme describes the main content of a chapter—the subject, person, or event that is the predominant topic in that specific chapter.

Write out each chapter theme using words from the text. Record these in the space provided on your Observation Worksheets as well as on “Titus at a Glance.”

**LIVING  
IT OUT**

1. As you consider what you have learned, what do you think would happen in a person’s life or in the life of church members if people lived their lives according to what is taught in this book?

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2. We are so proud of you. As you close your workbook and go about your week, think about all you have seen. Ask God what He wants you to learn from this study.



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## TITUS AT A GLANCE

**Book Theme:**

**Chapter Themes**

**Author:**

**1**

**Key Words:**

**Purpose:**

**2**

**Historical  
Setting:**

**3**



## TITUS 1

### Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme \_\_\_\_\_

- PAUL, a bond-servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the faith of those chosen of God and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness,
- 2 in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago,
- 3 but at the proper time manifested, *even* His word, in the proclamation with which I was entrusted according to the commandment of God our Savior,
- 4 To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.
- 5 For this reason I left you in Crete, that you would set in order what remains and appoint elders in every city as I directed you,
- 6 *namely*, if any man is above reproach, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, not accused of dissipation or rebellion.
- 7 For the overseer must be above reproach as God's steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain,
- 8 but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, just, devout, self-controlled,
- 9 holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.

- 10 For there are many rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision,
- 11 who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not *teach* for the sake of sordid gain.
- 12 One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, “Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.”
- 13 This testimony is true. For this reason reprove them severely so that they may be sound in the faith,
- 14 not paying attention to Jewish myths and commandments of men who turn away from the truth.
- 15 To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled.
- 16 They profess to know God, but by *their* deeds they deny *Him*, being detestable and disobedient and worthless for any good deed.

## TITUS 2

### Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme \_\_\_\_\_

**BUT** as for you, speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine.

- 2 Older men are to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in perseverance.
- 3 Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good,
- 4 so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,
- 5 *to be* sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.
- 6 Likewise urge the young men to be sensible;
- 7 in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, *with* purity in doctrine, dignified,
- 8 sound *in* speech which is beyond reproach, so that the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us.
- 9 *Urge* bondslaves to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be well-pleasing, not argumentative,
- 10 not pilfering, but showing all good faith so that they will adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect.
- 11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men,
- 12 instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age,

- 13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,
- 14 who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.
- 15 These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you.



## TITUS 3

### Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme \_\_\_\_\_

- REMINDE them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient,  
to be ready for every good deed,
- 2 to malign no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing every consideration for all men.
  - 3 For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.
  - 4 But when the kindness of God our Savior and *His* love for mankind appeared,
  - 5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,
  - 6 whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,
  - 7 so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to *the* hope of eternal life.
  - 8 This is a trustworthy statement; and concerning these things I want you to speak confidently, so that those who have believed God will be careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and profitable for men.
  - 9 But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and strife and disputes about the Law, for they are unprofitable and worthless.
  - 10 Reject a factious man after a first and second warning,

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- 11 knowing that such a man is perverted and is sinning, being self-condemned.
- 12 When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, make every effort to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there.
- 13 Diligently help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way so that nothing is lacking for them.
- 14 Our people must also learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs, so that they will not be unfruitful.
- 15 All who are with me greet you. Greet those who love us in *the* faith.  
Grace be with you all.