

Analysis of:
The Epistle to Titus

- PART ONE:** Ch. 1 The Need for Leadership and Harmony in the Ecclesia.
- Vv. 1-4: A warm and affectionate greeting or salutation.
V. 5: Titus' special commission whilst in Crete.
Vv. 6-9: Qualifications and responsibilities of Leadership.
Vv. 10-16: The wilful, undisciplined character of Cretans.
- PART TWO:** Ch. 2 The Need for Sound Doctrine, to Provide a Strong Foundation in the Ecclesia.
- V. 1: Further reference to Titus' special commission (cp. 1:5).
Vv. 2-3: Responsibilities of older members.
Vv. 4-8: Responsibilities of younger members.
Vv. 9-10: Responsibilities of servants.
Vv. 11-14: An exhortation and an expression of hope addressed to all members.
V. 15: Personal encouragement for Titus.
- PART THREE:** Ch. 3 The Need to Maintain Practical, Good Works.
- V. 1: Respect constituted authority.
V. 2: Manifest conduct above reproach.
Vv. 3-7: The transforming power of the Word will lead to the Kingdom: if heeded and acted upon.
V. 8: Life in the Truth is practical.
V. 9: A danger to be avoided.
Vv. 10-11: Types of men to be avoided.
Vv. 12-15: Final words and salutation to Titus.

THEME: Denying Ungodliness and Worldly Lusters, Live Soberly, Righteously and Godly,
in this Present Age.

**The Three-Fold Chapter Division
shows the Practical Needs of an Ecclesia:**

1. Ch.1: An orderly, disciplined Ecclesia.
2. Ch.2: An Ecclesia based on sound teaching.
3. Ch.3: The result: a LIVING Ecclesia.

Where Paul's Five Faithful Sayings are Recorded and their significance

- The First: 1 Tim. 1:15-16 Teaching:
We must efface Self. We are sinners. Christ was born to redeem us. We must acknowledge our need of him; our dependence upon him. We must therefore totally embrace him, through the power of the Truth.
- The Second: 1 Tim. 3:1 Teaching:
In effacing Self, we must appreciate the necessity of serving the Ecclesia and the cause of the Truth — and not so acting out of personal vanity or pride.
- The Third: 1 Tim. 4:7-9 Teaching:
To become effective in the Truth, we must put aside the vanity of the flesh, and become exercised in the ways of Godliness.
- The Fourth: 2 Tim. 2:11-13 Teaching:
In all the trials and pressures of life, we should remember the reason for such trials: that we might ultimately come through them all to total perfection at the coming of the Lord.
- The Fifth: Tit. 3:8 Teaching:
Upon the basis of the first four "sayings", it is necessary to maintain — and continue in — "good works" of faithfulness. Become living examples of the Truth in action, and not mere theorists.

1 Timothy * 2 Timothy * Titus

The three epistles are remarkably related:

- 1 Tim: "Know how to conduct thyself in the Ecclesia of God ..." (3:15).
- 2 Tim: "The things that thou hast heard of me, commit to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also ..." (2:2).
- Titus: "Live Soberly (with a sound mind, prudently, discreetly) in this present age ..." (Aion) (2:12).

These three themes provide an obvious relationship between the three epistles, and the purpose for them being written.

The Themes of the Three Epistles show they are Uniformly Related:

- 1 Timothy: The need for SOUND DOCTRINE
- 2 Timothy: which must be committed to FAITHFUL MEN
- Titus: for the purpose of developing qualities of GODLINESS in the people of Yahweh.