

GOD'S MASTERWORK, VOLUME SIX
LETTERS TO GOD'S PEOPLE—A SURVEY OF ROMANS—PHILEMON
TITUS: PLAIN TALK FOR PASTORS
A SURVEY OF TITUS



The Heart of the Matter

Several books in the Bible don't get the publicity they deserve. Titus is a good example. Overshadowed by the far more popular letters of 1 and 2 Timothy, this pastoral epistle seems obscure and unimportant to some. Too bad. Equally essential and inspired by God, the letter to Titus brings a needed balance to the subject of guidance to pastors. First Timothy emphasizes doctrine. Second Timothy provides a charge, a strong emotional appeal to the pastor. But Titus brings a word of *caution*, a reminder that good works must accompany our proclamation of the truth and our defense of the gospel. The two letters to Timothy encourage him to protect and to preach, while the letter to Titus tells him to *practice* those things. While good works in no way lead to salvation, they are the irrefutable evidence of true salvation. Preachers need that reminder as much as anybody . . . sometimes more.



Discovering the Way

1. The Man Who Received the Letter (Titus 1:1–5)

Learn about the background, location, and needs of the church that Titus pastored.

2. Overview of the Letter (Titus 1:5–16; 2:2–5, 9–14; 3:1–11)

Discover the conduct of the leaders in the assembly, the needs of the members of the church, and the appropriate conduct for all.

3. The Christian and Good Works (Titus 1:16; 2:11–12; 3:8)

The book of Titus shows us several important truths: deeds defend or deny our doctrine; grace elevates godliness, never cheapens it; and behavior verifies belief.

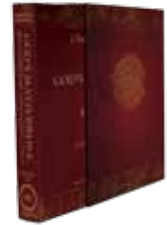


Starting Your Journey

Think about your conduct at work, school, or in relationships. Do your actions defend or deny your doctrine (your beliefs about God)? Explain.



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	Taking Charge <u>Elders</u> <u>Rebellious people</u>	Giving Advice <u>Older men and women</u> <u>Young women and men</u> <u>Titus and all leaders</u> <u>Slaves and masters</u>	Doing Right <u>What to do</u> <u>What not to do</u>
Introduction (1:1–4)	CHAPTER 1	CHAPTER 2	CHAPTER 3
People	Elders Enemies	Specific groups	Christians in general
Issue	Setting up the right leadership	Instruction for particular people	Attitude and conduct toward good and bad
A Church	. . . in good order (1:5)	. . . with good doctrine (2:1)	. . . of good deeds (3:1)
Theme	Titus's role in encouraging right living through sound doctrine		
Key Verses	1:5; 2:10; 3:8		
Christ in Titus	Jesus is our great God and Savior, who redeems and purifies His people (2:13–14).		

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