



## Lesson 1: Introduction to the Letter

### Paul & Titus' Relationship

- Paul likely led Titus to Christ and disciplined him personally (Titus 1:4).
- Paul gave Titus a series of missions:
  1. The Jerusalem Council (Acts 15; Gal. 2:1-5).
  2. The church in Corinth.
  3. The church in Corinth again.
  4. The churches in Crete
  5. Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> Imprisonment
  6. The church/churches in Dalmatia

### Titus' Traits

- Titus was trustworthy.
- Titus was effective.
- Titus was gifted.
- Titus was energetic.
- Titus was driven.
- Titus was relational.
- Titus was grounded.
- Titus was pastoral.
- Titus was brave.
- Titus was committed.

### Purpose of this Letter

- To remind Titus of his mission in Crete.
  - Set up leadership in every church (Titus 1:5-9).
  - Warn about false teachers living horrible lives (Titus 1:10-16).
  - Ground the Cretan churches in sound doctrine (Titus 2:1).



- Provide strong leadership to the church planting movement in Crete (Titus 2:15).
- To affirm Titus' delegated authority (Titus 1:1-5; 2:15).
- To encourage Titus to push forward amidst opposition (Titus 2:15).
- To provide Titus with important reminders (3:1-11).
- To communicate travel plans for Artemas, Tychichus, Zenas, and Appollos (Titus 2:12-14).

## Themes of the Book

- Churches need qualified leadership.
- Christians need sound doctrine and distinct living, and those two should never be separated.
- God's grace is central to your Christian walk.
- Live a Christ-like, Spirit-filled life of good deeds, not questionable practices and useless arguments.



## Prayer

**Scripture:** “Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds: ‘That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.’ Colossians 4:3-4

### College Student Spotlight: Annika Leffew

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**Single Focus/Cross Impact Requests:**

- Orchard Activity on September 25
- “Open doors” on campus and in Single Focus
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**Specific Requests:**

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