

Repeated Words, Themes, and Ideas

4. God's Faith/Truth/Word/Doctrine, Paul is God's slave in keeping with the faith [that guides] God's elect and the recognized truth that corresponds to godliness, 1:1. God, our Savior, entrusted Paul with revealing His Word—the hope of eternal life—through preaching, 1:2-3. Titus is a true son in the common faith [that guides Christians], 1:4. A candidate for elder is considered blameless when he has children that are faithful to God's Word [the hope of eternal life] instead of degenerate and rebellious, 1:5-6. An elder candidate must cling to the faithful Word he's been taught so that he can, by this sound doctrine, strongly urge and rebuke those who contradict it. 1:9. Titus must severely rebuke the insubordinate deceivers so that they may be sound in the faith, 1:10-13. Titus must severely rebuke the insubordinate deceivers with sound truth so that they won't give heed to Jewish fables or the commandments of men who turn from God's truth, 1:10-14.
5. Man's False-Truth/Commandments, The insubordinate deceivers destroy whole households by teaching false things they ought not, 1:10-11. Titus must severely rebuke the insubordinate deceivers so that they won't fall for Jewish fables or the erroneous commandments taught by men who turn from God's truth, 1:13-14.
6. Godly and Blameless behavior, Paul is God's slave in keeping with the faith [that guides] God's elect and the recognized truth that corresponds to godly behavior, 1:1. An elder candidate must be blameless, i.e., he must be the husband of one wife, have faithful children who aren't degenerate or insubordinate, as God's overseer he must not be stubborn, quick-tempered, an alcoholic, a bully, or greedy for money, but hospitable, a lover of what is good, prudent, just, holy, disciplined, and must cling to the faithful Word he's been taught so he can strongly urge and rebuke those who contradict God's Word, 1:6-9. To the pure all things are pure, 1:15.
7. Ungodly and Reproachable behavior, Paul left Titus in Crete to set in order some very ungodly and reproachable behavior, 1:5, 10-16. An elder candidate must cling to the faithful Word he's been taught so he can strongly urge and rebuke those who contradict it, 1:9. In Crete there are many lazy, insubordinate, and nonsensical deceivers whom Titus must stop because they're destroying entire households by teaching false things for dishonest gain, 1:10-12. Titus must severely rebuke the insubordinate deceivers so that they won't give in to Jewish fables or the erroneous commandments of men who turn from God's truth, 1:10-14. To the defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled, 1:15. The defiled and unbelieving profess to know God, but in their actions they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work, 1:16.
8. Exhort and Convict/Rebuke to produce godly behavior, an elder candidate must cling to the faithful Word he's been taught so he can, by that sound doctrine, strongly urge and rebuke those who contradict God's truth, 1:9. Titus must severely rebuke the insubordinate, nonsensical deceivers so that they will be sound in the faith and not give in to Jewish fables and the erroneous commandments of men who turn from God's truth, 1:10-14.