

Repeated Words, Themes, and Ideas

2. Godly and Blameless behavior, Titus must remind the Cretans of the godly behavior that should characterize them: respect for authorities, obedience, ready to perform good works, maligning no one, peaceable, gentle, and humility towards everyone, 3:1-2. The Cretans could exhibit godly behavior by providing everything Zenas and Apollos need for their journey, always being ready to perform good works, and meeting the urgent needs of others, 3:13-14 (other places this appears: 1:1, 6-9, 15; 2:1-2, 3-5, 6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 14).
3. Good/Godly Works, one of the things Titus must remind the Cretans of is to always be ready to perform good works, 3:1. Titus must insist on the truth of what God's Word says about godly behavior and how and why God saved us so that those who have believed in God will keep performing good works, 3:1-8. Examples of good works the Cretans can do are providing everything Zenas and Apollos need for their journey, always seeking opportunities to perform good works, and meeting the urgent needs of others, 3:13-14 (other places this appears: 1:8, 16; 2:3-5, 7, 14).
4. Ungodly and Reproachable behavior, Paul and Titus used to be just like the Cretans; they too were knee-deep in sin: foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another, 3:3. Titus must avoid foolish theological arguments about the Mosaic Law because they're unprofitable and useless. He must reject such divisive individuals after giving them counsel twice regarding proper conduct, knowing that such individuals are warped, sinning, and self-condemned, 3:9-11 (other places this appears: 1:5, 10-16, 9, 10-12, 10-14, 15, 16; 2:3, 14, 15).
5. Jesus, God the Father poured the Holy Spirit out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ, 3:5-6 (other places this appears: 1:1, 4; 2:13, 14).