

## What is God's Main Point in Titus?

The following are the top Words, Themes, and Ideas found in Titus (the **red** number is the number of times the item appears in the book):

1. God's Faith/Truth/Word/Doctrine, 1:1, 2-3, 4, 5-6, 9, 10-13, 10-14; 2:1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 9-10, 15; 3:1-8 **15**
2. God, 1:1, 2, 2-3, 4, 7, 15-16; 2:4-5, 10, 11, 13; 3:3-7, 1-8 **12**
3. Godly and Blameless behavior, 1:1, 6-9, 15; 2:1-2, 3-5, 6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 14; 3:1-2, 13-14 **12**
4. Ungodly and Reproachable behavior, 1:5, 10-16, 9, 10-12, 10-14, 15, 16; 2:3, 14, 15; 3:3, 9-11 **12**
5. Good/Godly Works, 1:8, 16; 2:3-5, 7, 14; 3:1, 1-8, 13-14 **8**
6. Savior, 1:2-3, 4; 2:10, 12-13; 3:3-5, 5-6 **6**
7. Jesus, 1:1, 4; 2:13, 14; 3:5-6 **5**
8. Man's False-Truth/Commandments, 1:10-11, 14; 2:15; 3:9-11 **4**
9. Exhort and Convict/Rebuke to produce godly behavior, 1:9, 10-14; 2:15; 3:1-11 **4**
10. Not abusing alcohol, 1:7; 2:1-2, 3 **3**

**So what's the main point in Titus?** *If you live by God's Truth (Word), you will live a godly life, avoid the pain and suffering of an ungodly life, and produce godly works worthy of inheritance:*

Titus was a godly man, which is why God wanted him to appoint other godly men as elders in Crete, men who would live by God's sound truth so that they could produce godly character in those around them, especially those currently destroying God's house with man's false-truths. Such individuals cannot produce godly works, which is why Titus must take God's truth and show them all how to be godly men and women. He must remind them that this is precisely the lesson of God's saving grace and the reason why Jesus died: to convert us from ungodly sinners to God's special people, zealous for good works. After all, Paul and Titus used to be ungodly too, but then God's saving grace flooded them with His Spirit, leaving them born-again-new, individuals who are ever-ready with good works and worthy of inheritance.

**Titus Summarized:**

Chapter 1, God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ appointed the apostle Paul to preach God's Word, i.e., the truth that produces a life of godliness in God's children like Titus. This is why Paul left Titus in Crete, i.e., this godly man needs to appoint other godly men as elders in every city, men who are godly as husbands, fathers, in temperament, alcohol, and money, men who live by God's truth so that they can produce godly character in themselves, their families, and in those who contradict God's Word. Why does this need exist? There are many self-appointed, insubordinate deceivers who are destroying God's house with unsound, man-made truths. Therefore, Titus must rebuke them to make them sound in the faith because the mind and conscience of such defiled and unbelieving becomes twisted: they profess to know God but in practice they deny Him, leaving them repulsive and disqualified for God's good works.

Chapter 2, [The self-appointed Cretan elders are teaching and mentoring with false, wicked nonsense and it's destroying God's house] but Titus must mentor the Cretan Christians with God's sound truth so that it will produce godly behavior. Whether they're young, old, male, female, or slaves, they'll be in complete control of their temperament, alcohol, and marriages, as Titus serves as their role model. After all, God's saving grace teaches us the same lesson: we should live godly not ungodly lives, which is precisely why our Savior Jesus Christ died, to strip us of every wicked deed and convert us into people zealous for God's good works. This must be Titus' focus as he exhorts, rebukes, and refuses to let anyone despise him.

Chapter 3, [Since God's grace teaches us that Jesus Christ died to convert us from ungodly people to godly people who're zealous for good works] Titus must remind the Cretans who they must be: godly people ever-ready with good works. After all, Paul and Titus used to be ungodly, but then God's love saved them, i.e., through Christ's saving death, God flooded us with His Holy Spirit, leaving us born-again-new. Thus, having been justified by God's grace, He wants us to take advantage of eternal life's hope: inheritance. These are the good and profitable things Titus must focus on so that God's children will maintain good works. But he must reject useless and unprofitable things like divisive doctrinal arguments and the sinners who make them. Paul closes the letter with good works: they must fully equip Zenas and Apollos for their journey; they mustn't be unfruitful but always ready with good works. Paul then sends greetings from those with him and greets those in Crete as he wishes all of them God's grace. Amen.

Titus Chapters 1-3, God appointed Paul to preach His Truth so that it will produce godly character in His children like Titus, which is why God wants godly Titus to appoint godly men as elders in the Cretan churches, men who will live by God's truth so that it'll produce godly character in themselves, their families, and in the self-appointed, insubordinate deceivers who are destroying God's house with unsound, man-made truths. Such individuals are disqualified for every good work, which is why Titus must mentor the Cretans with God's truth so that it will produce godly character in all of them. This is the lesson of God's saving grace and precisely the reason why Jesus died, to turn us from ungodly sinners into God's special people, zealous for good works. Thus, Titus must remind them to be godly, ever-ready with good works. Paul and Titus used to be ungodly until God flooded them with His Spirit leaving them born-again-new and individuals who are always ready with good works and thus worthy of inheritance.