

## A GODLY CHURCH

KNOW GOD

Titus

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Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness, in the hope of eternal life that God, who cannot lie, promised before time began. Titus 1:1-2

### 1. GODLY \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>5</sup> The reason I left you in Crete was to set right what was left undone and, as I directed you, to appoint elders in every town. Titus 1:5

<sup>10</sup> For there are many rebellious people, full of empty talk and deception, especially those from the circumcision party. Titus 1:10

<sup>13</sup> This testimony is true. For this reason, rebuke them sharply, so that they may be sound in the faith <sup>14</sup> and may not pay attention to Jewish myths and the commands of people who reject the truth. <sup>15</sup> To the pure, everything is pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; in fact, both their mind and conscience are defiled. <sup>16</sup> They claim to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, and unfit for any good work. Titus 1:13–16

### 2. GODLY \_\_\_\_\_

But you are to proclaim things consistent with sound teaching. <sup>2</sup> Older men are to be self-controlled, worthy of respect, sensible, and sound in faith, love, and endurance. <sup>3</sup> In the same way, older women are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not slaves to excessive drinking. They are to teach what is good, <sup>4</sup> so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands and to love their children, <sup>5</sup> to be self-controlled, pure, workers at home, kind, and in submission to their husbands, so that God's word will not be slandered. <sup>6</sup> In the same way, encourage the young men to be self-controlled <sup>7</sup> in everything. Make yourself an example of good works with integrity and dignity in your teaching. <sup>8</sup> Your message is to be sound beyond reproach, so that any opponent will be ashamed, because he doesn't have anything bad to say about us. Titus 2:1–8

<sup>9</sup> Slaves are to submit to their masters in everything, and to be well-pleasing, not talking back <sup>10</sup> or stealing, but demonstrating utter faithfulness, so that they may adorn the teaching of God our Savior in everything. <sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, <sup>12</sup> instructing us to deny godlessness and worldly lusts and to live in a sensible, righteous, and godly way in the present age, <sup>13</sup> while we wait for the blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. Titus 2:9–13

<sup>15</sup> Proclaim these things; encourage and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you. Titus 2:15

### 3. GODLY \_\_\_\_\_

Remind them to submit to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, <sup>2</sup> to slander no one, to avoid fighting, and to be kind, always showing gentleness to all people. Titus 3:1–2

<sup>3</sup> For we too were once foolish, disobedient, deceived, enslaved by various passions and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, detesting one another. <sup>4</sup> But when the kindness of God our Savior and his love for mankind appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us—not by works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy—through the washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit. <sup>6</sup> He poured out his Spirit on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior <sup>7</sup> so that, having been justified by his grace, we may become heirs with the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:3–7

<sup>14</sup> Let our people learn to devote themselves to good works for pressing needs, so that they will not be unfruitful. Titus 3:14

<sup>16</sup> They claim to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, and unfit for any good work. Titus 1:16

<sup>5</sup> Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith. Examine yourselves. Or do you yourselves not recognize that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless you fail the test. 2 Corinthians 13:5

<sup>9</sup> If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation. Romans 10:9–10