

THE BOOK OF

Titus

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Continue What God Started

OPENING QUESTION

What do you do when your device has a weak signal or poor reception?

READ Titus 1:1–16.

1. What is your source of authority for living a Godly life?

- A. Jesus.
- B. The Bible.
- C. Parent(s).
- D. Teacher(s).
- E. Child(ren).
- F. Prayer and meditation.
- G. My community of faith.
- H. Specific events or circumstances that get my attention.
- I. Other.

2. What is the “Good News” Paul announced to Titus?

- A. God came to earth in the form of Jesus the Messiah.
- B. Jesus saves us from our sins.
- C. You can become better than you are.
- D. Jesus is returning to earth soon.
- E. God sent Paul with divine messages for Titus and his church(es).
- F. The “Truth.”
- G. We can have full confidence of eternal life.
- H. God provides messengers to connect people back to God.
- I. Other.

3. Prioritize from 1-8 these important characteristics of a church elder:

- _____ A good reputation.
- _____ Married only once.
- _____ Spiritual leadership others follow.
- _____ Self-controlled.
- _____ Encourager.
- _____ Obedient child(ren).
- _____ A teachable teacher.
- _____ Other: _____.

4. What do you think are current threats to right teaching?

- A. Truth seems to have become relative.
- B. Worldliness.
- C. The tension between faith and science.
- D. The confusion between religion and culture.
- E. Apathy.
- F. Some specific doctrines, namely _____.
- G. So much confusion.
- H. Other.

5. What is your church's reputation?

- A. Busy—lots of activities.
- B. Inwardly focused.
- C. Outwardly focused.
- D. Dead.
- E. Dynamic.
- F. Traditional.
- G. Evangelistic.
- H. Irrelevant.
- I. Other.

6. What are telltale indicators of corrupted unbelief (vs 15)?

- A. Domineering.
- B. Skepticism.
- C. Gullibility.
- D. Faulty knowledge.
- E. Faulty practice.
- F. Lack of humility, love, or compassion.
- G. More talk than action.
- H. Other.

7. How do you relate to elders in your church and/or in your life?

8. What is something you would do well to tune out at this time? What is something you would do well to tune in to at this time?

The Way To Live

OPENING QUESTION

What did you have to be taught repeatedly as a child?

READ Titus 2:1–15.

1. What is sound doctrine (vs. 1)?

- A. Great beliefs.
- B. Good actions.
- C. Your church's statement of beliefs.
- D. Tradition.
- E. Jesus.
- F. New light.
- G. Whatever sounds right.
- H. The majority affirms it.
- I. Other.

2. What do older men need to be taught?

- A. Respect.
- B. Moderation.
- C. Sensitivity.
- D. Truth.
- E. Patience.
- F. True love.
- G. Stick with what's right.
- H. Empathy for young people.
- I. Other.

3. What do older women need to be taught?

- A. Godly behavior.
- B. Contentment.
- C. Stop gossiping.
- D. Current fashion.
- E. Role modeling for younger women.
- F. Love for their family members.
- G. Leadership.
- H. Money management.
- I. Other.

4. What do young men need to be taught?

- A. Knowledge (information).
- B. Wisdom (deep insight).
- C. Respect for others.
- D. Self-respect.
- E. Love.
- F. Self-control.
- G. Listening skills.
- H. Other.

5. How do you model compelling Christianity to “the boss” in your life?

- A. Talk about my faith.
- B. Not talk about my faith.
- C. Do what I’m told, and what’s expected.
- D. Treat my boss as a friend rather than as my boss.
- E. Excellent work.
- F. No complaining.
- G. Carry a song in my heart.
- H. I don’t have a boss—nobody is higher than me.
- I. Other.

6. What happens when people see God’s grace?

- A. It seems too good to be true.
- B. Immediate acceptance.
- C. Skepticism.
- D. Changed behavior.
- E. Worship.
- F. Praise.
- G. They point it out and share it with others.
- H. It gives a Godly focus in one’s life.
- I. Other.

7. What do you need to be taught?

8. How does the “blessed hope” of Christ’s return affect the way you live now?

Presence, Power, and Practice

OPENING QUESTION

When are you aware of gravity's presence, power, or practice?

READ Titus 3:1–15.

1. Why should followers of Jesus submit to the government (vs. 1)?

- A. The government has power over all of us.
- B. You can't get away from it, so you might as well deal with it.
- C. Followers of Jesus shouldn't submit to the government.
- D. Those in Crete didn't submit to the government (see *Titus 1:12-13*).
- E. Submit to the state unless it conflicts with loyalty to God.
- F. Submit to the state unless it conflicts with doing good for others.
- G. Paul preached this (*Rom. 13:1*) but didn't practice it (*Acts 16:22-23*).
- H. The government actually does a lot for the followers of Jesus.
- I. Other.

2. Put a "✓" by the good things you do; an "X" by what your church does.

YOU		YOUR CHURCH
_____	Attend/Provide worship services.	_____
_____	Give/Help with programs at the church.	_____
_____	Teach others about God.	_____
_____	Serve the community.	_____
_____	Lead people to Jesus.	_____
_____	Restore broken relationships.	_____
_____	Help the poor.	_____
_____	Other: _____ .	_____

3. How much has the Holy Spirit been poured out on you (vs. 6)?

- A. Not at all.
- B. A trickle.
- C. Average.
- D. Generously.
- E. It's inconsistent.
- F. It's more of a power than a person.
- G. I don't think about the Holy Spirit very much.
- H. I don't see the activity of the Holy Spirit very much.
- I. Other.

4. Why do good deeds?

- A. That's what you're supposed to do.
- B. It just makes life better.
- C. You don't have to do it all the time.
- D. This is the very thing God keeps telling us to do.
- E. It's the ideal antidote to everything bad.
- F. After all the good you've received, it's the least you can do.
- G. It's the way God flows to you and through you to others.
- H. Other.

5. Which of the following would you consider foolish controversies (vs. g)?

- A. Current issues.
- B. Lifestyle practices or behaviors.
- C. Politics.
- D. Religion.
- E. Church mission, vision, or value statements.
- F. Different views of salvation.
- G. Family quarrels.
- H. Other.

6. Pick two things you desire the Holy Spirit to do in or through you?

- A. A sense of God's presence.
- B. Discernment.
- C. Intimacy with God.
- D. Improve my Christian witness.
- E. Power to not give in to my selfish desires.
- F. Love overflowing.
- G. Transform conflict with *shalom* (peace).
- H. Other.

7. What is worth fighting for? What is not worth fighting for?

8. How do you relate to people who don't like you? How do you relate to church people who don't like you?

