

# Titus

## CHAPTER 1

**1** Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;

**2** In hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised before the world began;

**3** But has in due time manifested His word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour;

**4** To Titus, *my* own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, *and* peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**5** For this cause I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed you:

**6** If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly.

**7** For an overseer must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

**8** But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;

**9** Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

**10** For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, especially they of the circumcision:

**11** Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.

**12** One of themselves, *even* a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians *are* alway liars, evil beasts, slow bellies.

**13** This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith;

**14** Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth.

**15** Unto the pure all things *are* pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving *is* nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

**16** They profess that they know God; but in works they deny *him*, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.