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Bible Translation Reviewers' Guide

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1:1-16

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul wrote this letter to Titus. [1:1-4]
- ☐ Paul explained why he left Titus in Crete. [1:5]
- ☐ Paul gave instructions about elders and overseers. [1:6-9]
- ☐ Paul talked about the wicked people in Crete and told Titus to correct them. [1:10-16]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Paul say about himself in 1:1?
Paul said he was a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ.
2. What reason did Paul give for his service to God in 1:1?
Paul said his service to God was for the faith of God's chosen people and for the knowledge of the truth.
3. What did God promise? [1:2]
God promised the hope of everlasting life.
4. When did God make the promise of everlasting life? [1:2]
He promised it before all the ages of time.
5. What did God use to make his message evident at the right time? [1:3]
God used the preaching of the message, which Paul was entrusted with.
6. To whom did Paul write? [1:4]
Paul wrote the letter to Titus.
7. What did Paul say about Titus in 1:4?
Paul said that Titus was a true son in their common faith.
8. For what purpose did Paul leave Titus in Crete? [1:5]
Paul left Titus in Crete so that he would set in order things that had not been completed and to ordain elders in every city.

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9. What qualifications were elders, also called “overseers,” to have? [1:6-9]

Elders were to:

- be blameless
- be the husband of one wife
- have faithful children
- not be disobedient or arrogant
- not be easily angered
- not be addicted to wine
- not be a brawler
- not be a greedy man
- be hospitable
- love goodness
- be sensible and upright
- be holy and self-controlled
- hold to the truth

10. What do you think Paul meant when he said to “hold tightly to the trustworthy message”? [1:9]

Perhaps Paul meant they were to continue to believe in and teach the gospel message.

11. What people did Paul instruct Titus to stop? [1:10-11]

Paul instructed Titus to stop rebellious people, who were empty talkers and deceivers.

12. What did Paul say about rebellious people in 1:11?

Paul said they were upsetting whole families by teaching what they should not teach for disgraceful profit.

13. How did one of the prophets describe the Cretans? [1:12]

The Cretans were liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.

14. How was Titus instructed to treat these rebellious people? [1:13]

Paul instructed Titus to severely correct them so they may be truthful in the faith.

15. What did Paul say Jewish myths and commands of the people? [1:14]

Paul told Titus to correct the Cretans to no longer pay attention to Jewish myths and commands of people who turned away from the truth.

16. What did Paul say about those who were pure? [1:15]

Paul said that for those who were pure, all things were pure.

17. What was corrupted in an unbelieving person? [1:15]

Paul said that both the person’s mind and conscience were corrupted.

18. What did Paul say about the person who professed to know God, but denied him by their actions? [1:16]

Paul said those people were detestable, disobedient and worthless for any good work.

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19. How do you think a person denied God by their actions? [1:16]

Perhaps if a people said they knew God, but continued to behave in a wrong way, it showed that they denied God's ways.

Comment Section:

2:1-15

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul gave Titus instructions on what to teach to older and younger men and women. [2:1-6]
- ☐ Paul encouraged Titus to be a good example to others. [2:7]
- ☐ Paul gave instructions for slaves. [2:8-10]
- ☐ The grace of God trained people to be godly while they waited for Jesus to return. [2:11-15]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Paul instruct Titus to speak? [2:1]
Paul instructed Titus to speak what fits with truthful instruction.
2. What things did Paul want Titus to teach older men? [2:2]
Paul wanted Titus to teach older men to be temperate, dignified, sensible and sound in faith, love and perseverance.
3. What was Titus to teach older women? [2:3]
Titus was to teach older women to be reverent in behavior, not slanders or slaves to much wine. They were to be teachers of what was good.
4. What were the older women to teach the younger women? [2:4-5]
They were to teach them to love and obey their husbands, to love their children, to be sensible, pure, and be good housekeepers.
5. Why did Paul give these instructions to Titus? [2:5]
Paul wanted Christians to do what was good and right so opponents would have nothing evil to say about God's word.
6. In what way was Titus to encourage younger men? [2:6]
Titus was to encourage younger men to use good sense.
7. What Instructions did Paul give Titus in 2:7-8?
Paul instructed Titus to present himself as a good example of good works. Titus was instructed to show integrity and dignity in his teaching and to teach a message that cannot be criticized.
8. How did Paul instruct slaves to behave? [2:9-10]
Slaves were to obey their masters, not argue or steal from them. Slaves were to show good faith.
9. Why did Paul want slaves to behave this way? [2:10]
Paul wanted slaves to behave this way, because it brought credit to the teaching about God.

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10. What did Paul say about the grace of God in 2:11?

Paul said the grace of God appeared for the salvation of all people.

11. What did the grace of God train believers to reject? [2:12]

The grace of God trained believers to reject godlessness and worldly passions.

12. What future event did Paul say believers looked forward to? [2:13]

Believers looked forward to the appearance of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

13. Why did Jesus give himself for people? [2:14]

Jesus gave himself in order to redeem people from all lawlessness. Jesus gave himself to make pure for himself a special people who were eager to do good works.

14. What instructions did Paul give Titus in 2:15?

Paul instructed Titus to encourage people, to give corrections, and to let no one disregard him.

15. Why do you think Paul gave Titus this instruction in verse 15?

Perhaps some people no longer wanted to listen to the truth of the gospel. Or, perhaps Titus was a younger man, and some older people did not want to listen to him.

Comment Section:

3:1-15

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul reminded believers to submit to rulers. [3:1-2]
- ☐ Paul described what people were like before they became believers. [3:3]
- ☐ God saved people by his grace so that they may have eternal life. [3:4-7]
- ☐ Paul told Titus to teach this message so people would do good works and avoid foolish talk. [3:8-11]
- ☐ Paul ended the letter by asking Titus to visit him soon and to help other Christians who were traveling. [3:12-15]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What instruction did Paul give Titus in 3:1?
Titus was to remind believers to submit to rulers, to obey them, and to be ready for every good work.
2. What did Paul tell Titus about what Christians should not do? [3:2]
Paul told Titus that Christians were not to insult anyone, and not to be eager to fight.
3. What were Christians like before they became believers? [3:3]
They were thoughtless and disobedient. They were controlled by their desires. They lived in evil and envy, were detestable, and hated each other.
4. According to Paul, by what means did God save believers? [3:5]
Paul said that God saved believers by his mercy, through the washing of new birth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.
5. What did Paul say about the Holy Spirit in 3:5-6?
Paul said that God richly poured out the Holy Spirit on Christians through Jesus Christ.
6. What does Paul say about people justified by God's grace in 3:7?
People justified by God's grace become heirs, having the hope of eternal life.
7. Why did Paul want Titus to insist on these things? [3:8]
Paul encouraged Titus to insist on these things so that believers would do works which are good and useful to everyone.
8. What were believers to avoid? [3:9]
Believers were to avoid foolish debates, genealogies, and arguments about the law.
9. Who was to be rejected after one or two warnings? [3:10]
Anyone who was causing divisions among the believers was to be rejected after one or two warnings.

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10. What did Paul say about the person who turned away from the truth? [3:11]
Paul said that person was sinning and condemning himself.
11. Who was Paul sending to Titus? [3:12]
Artemas or Tychicus
12. Who should Titus send with supplies? [3:13]
Zenas and Apollos
13. With what were God's people to engage themselves? [3:14]
Believers were to learn to engage themselves in doing good works that met urgent needs.
14. How did Paul close the letter to Titus? [3:15]
Paul sent a greeting from those with him. He told Titus to greet all the Christians who love them.

Comment Section: