

Sunday School Live Lesson

July 7, 2024

Live the Truth, Teach the Truth

Titus 2

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Questions for Us Today

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Do you feel that church leaders should be held to a higher standard?

If so, why? If not, why not?

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Objectives

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To understand the relationship and rapport which existed between the Apostle Paul and Titus.

To understand how Paul wanted Titus to address the church challenges on the island of Crete.

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1. Bibliography

2. Points of Information: Paul (ministry), Titus, Crete.

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3. Lesson Context

4. Lesson Text

5. Remember These Things

Points of Information – Paul’s Ministry

Wide-ranging – The Apostle Paul’s ministry covered a lot of geographic territory. He made at least three prominent missionary journeys. Paul ministered during his travels and even while he was in prison.

Portable – As a tentmaker, Paul had a ministry that he could carry with him, since he could readily find employment during his travels.

Points of Information – Paul’s Ministry

Unbiased – Paul shared God’s Holy Word and directives with all those who would listen – Gentiles as well as Jews.

Gospel-based – Paul steadily preached the Good News about Christ Jesus, the Messiah.

Points of Information – Paul’s Ministry

Personal – Paul used examples from his own life to illustrate the love and power of God. His humility was in evidence, or else he would not have exposed his own shortcomings.

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Uplifting – Paul encouraged many churches and individuals with his preaching and teaching.

Verbal and Written – Guided by the Holy Spirit, Paul preached powerful sermons and wrote loving, enriching and edifying letters.

Points of Information – Paul’s Ministry

Parental – The Apostle Paul mentored Timothy and Titus as his sons in the ministry.

Pastoral – The Apostle Paul planted churches and addressed the congregants as his flock, in the manner of a pastor.

Points of Information – Titus

Titus was born to Gentile parents. He was converted to Christianity.

Titus became a close associate in the ministry with the Apostle Paul.

Points of Information – Titus

Titus ministered with the Apostle Paul in Jerusalem, Corinth, Crete and elsewhere.

At Paul's behest, Titus remained on the island of Crete to address the challenges there.

Points of Information – Crete

Crete is a very large island in the Mediterranean Sea, off the coast of Greece.

Ancient Crete had a bad reputation for immorality.

False teachers were very present on the island of Crete.

Live the Truth, Tell the Truth

Lesson Context

In the first Chapter of Titus, the Apostle Paul established a foundation for what he would teach Titus in this letter. Also, he detailed principles for church leaders while calling out false teachers.

In the second Chapter, the Apostle Paul instructed Titus on what he was to teach the people and how he was to do it.

Titus 2:1 [NLT]

As for you, Titus, promote the kind of living that reflects wholesome teaching.

Titus 2:2

Teach the older men to exercise self-control, to be worthy of respect, and to live wisely. They must have sound faith and be filled with love and patience.

Titus 2:3

Similarly, teach the older women to live in a way that honors God. They must not slander others or be heavy drinkers. Instead, they should teach others what is good.

Titus 2:4

These older women must train the younger women to love their husbands and their children,

Titus 2:5

to live wisely and be pure, to work in their homes, to do good, and to be submissive to their husbands. Then they will not bring shame on the Word of God.

Titus 2:6

In the same way, encourage the young men to live wisely.

Titus 2:7

And you yourself must be an example to them by doing good works of every kind. Let everything you do reflect the integrity and seriousness of your teaching.

Titus 2:8

Teach the truth so that your teaching can't be criticized. Then those who oppose us will be ashamed and have nothing bad to say about us.

Titus 2:9

Slaves must always obey their masters and do their best to please them. They must not talk back

Titus 2:10

or steal, but must show themselves to be entirely trustworthy and good. Then they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive in every way.

Titus 2:11

For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people.

Titus 2:12

And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God,

Titus 2:13

while we look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be revealed.

Titus 2:14

He gave His life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us His very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds.

Titus 2:15

You must teach these things and encourage the believers to do them. You have the authority to correct them when necessary, so don't let anyone disregard what you say.

Remember these things:

Let us sincerely and modestly help one another across generations.

Whether you are a preacher, teacher or any kind of leader, know that others will watch to see if you practice what you say.

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