



# The Canadian *Lord's Day* Association

## Bible Course

## Acts to Revelation

## Lesson 47

## Titus

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### *Read Titus 1*

1. Similar to Timothy, Titus was a spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ of Paul (Ch. 1:4).
2. Similar to I Timothy 3, Titus gives qualification for elders and ministers (bishops). Titus was young like Timothy and needed teaching in church government. We will not go through the repetition, but rather only describe the qualifications that are uniquely stated.
  - a. Titus was told to ordain elders in every \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. An elder is to have \_\_\_\_\_ children, not accused of \_\_\_\_\_ or unruly.
  - c. Not self- \_\_\_\_\_ and not soon \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. These elders must stop the unruly and vain \_\_\_\_\_, because they subvert whole \_\_\_\_\_.
  - e. Titus, as a minister (bishop) to Crete gives advice on a well-known proverb that Cretians are known for \_\_\_\_\_ and for being slow bellies (lazy and sensual). The elders are to rebuke them \_\_\_\_\_, that they may be sound in the faith.

### *Read Titus 2*

**Chapters 2-3** list duties that are given to older men and older women. It is critical that the older generation (especially those whom God has worked in) teach the younger generation, because they have wisdom from life experience. Good works are essential in the Christian life.

3. The aged (older) men are to be: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. The aged women are to be: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What specific things are the older women to teach the younger women?
- a. Sober (serious-minded, vigilant)
  - b. To love their \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. To love their \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. To be \_\_\_\_\_. (With a sound mind, prudently restrict one's freedom.) Prudence = cautious, careful, not extravagant.
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_ (pure, unpolluted – considering the sanctity of marriage)
  - f. Keepers at \_\_\_\_\_ (to look after domestic affairs with prudence and care)
  - g. Good, \_\_\_\_\_ to their own husbands
  - h. Summary: Paul then gives the reason for all this: That the word of God be not \_\_\_\_\_ (to hurt the reputation of or smite with reports or words, speak evil of, or rail on).
6. The young men are exhorted to be \_\_\_\_\_. (Note: This is the only one, because young men are so apt to be thoughtless, flippant, eager and hot tempered.)
7. Titus could not expect to teach others if he did not show the following: a pattern of good \_\_\_\_\_, uncorrupted \_\_\_\_\_, gravity, \_\_\_\_\_, sound \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Servants are to be \_\_\_\_\_ to their own masters, not \_\_\_\_\_ again (contradicting them), not \_\_\_\_\_ (converting to their own use nor wasting that which is their master's).
9. We should deny (v. 12-13) “\_\_\_\_\_ and worldly \_\_\_\_\_, we should live \_\_\_\_\_, righteously and \_\_\_\_\_ in this present world; looking for

that        blessed        \_\_\_\_\_ and        glorious  
 \_\_\_\_\_ of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ; who  
 gave himself for us that he might \_\_\_\_\_ us from all  
 iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar \_\_\_\_\_,  
 zealous of good \_\_\_\_\_.”

### PECULIAR

There is perhaps no word in the KJV that is more misleading today than the term ‘peculiar.’ The term, “peculiar,” in the common language of today means, “strange; queer; odd,” or it can also mean, “uncommon; unusual,” or even, “distinctive in nature or character from others” When we say today that a certain person is ‘peculiar,’ we mean that he is queer, that he’s an oddball. It doesn’t bring any glory to God or the church when we try to be odd in order to prove that we are holy.” Did Jesus die to make His people “strange” or “queer” or “odd”? Definitely not. In a sense, He did die to make them uncommon or different from those in the world around us and He did die to give a distinctive character from others. All of this may be gleaned from many passages of Scripture (cf. Gal. 1:4; 1 John 2:15-17; James 1:27; 4:4).

But this is *not* what Titus 2:14 is saying. The Greek term in question is *periousios*, which means “chosen, especial.” The term denotes “more than a mere possession” but rather means “a treasure.” The same scholar says, “Accordingly *periousios* is what constitutes a costly possession, a specially chosen good, that which is a costly possession.” Believers are the costly possession or crown jewels of the Lord Jesus Christ—for He was willing to pour out His life blood on their behalf!

<http://www.truediscipleship.com/verses/verses5.htm>

### Read Titus 3

10. In chapter 3, Paul continues to exhort Titus to be careful to maintain good works.

He gives a lengthy list:

- a. Be \_\_\_\_\_ to principalities and powers and obey \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. “Principalities” means the territory or dignity of a prince; sovereignty.
- c. Speak \_\_\_\_\_ of no man.
- d. Don’t be brawlers but \_\_\_\_\_, showing \_\_\_\_\_ unto all men.
- e. Paul then explains how he was foolish, disobedient, deceived and serving divers \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (did not do good works before conversion). It was only after the “kindness and \_\_\_\_\_ of God our Savior appeared”. It was not by “works of \_\_\_\_\_ which

we did, but according to his \_\_\_\_\_ he saved us.”

This is what Paul calls the \_\_\_\_\_ of regeneration  
(not the sacrament of baptism, but rather the baptism of the Holy Spirit)

f. All of these are combined in verse 8 which says that this is a faithful saying and to be affirmed \_\_\_\_\_ that they which have believed in God might be careful to \_\_\_\_\_ good works.

g. Avoid foolish questions, \_\_\_\_\_, and contentions and strivings about the \_\_\_\_\_.

11. Heretic = one holding an opinion contrary to orthodox faith. A man that is a heretic after the first and second \_\_\_\_\_ reject. What does this mean? (see v. 10-11) \_\_\_\_\_

12. Paul would be at \_\_\_\_\_ when he sends Artemas, for he determined to spend the \_\_\_\_\_ there.

13. See if you can find this. Circle it. Describe in geographic terms.

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**Evaluator:**

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**Meditation:** from *Gems of R.M. McCheyne*

Dear anxious soul, why do you keep away from Christ? You say Christ is far from you; alas, He has been at your door all day.