**Titus**

**Chapter 1**

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**INTRODUCTION**

**Paul’s greeting (1:1-4)**

**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, that cannot lie, **promised** before the world began;**3**But hath in due times **manifested his word through preaching**, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour;**4To Titus**, mine own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Paul’s mission for Titus (1:5)**

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

**Qualifications for an elder (1:6-9)**

**6**If any be **blameless**, the **husband of one wife**, having **faithful children** not accused of riot or unruly.**7**For a **bishop** must be **blameless**, as the steward of God; **not self-willed**, **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**;**9Holding 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.

**The problem (1:10-11)**

**10**For there are **many unruly** and **vain talkers** and **deceivers**, specially 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.

**The witness (1:12-14)**

**12One of themselves**, even a **prophet of their own**, said, the **Cretians** are always **liars**, **evil beasts**, **slow bellies**.**13**This witness is true. Wherefore **rebuke them sharply**, that they may be sound in the faith; **14Not giving heed** to **Jewish fables**, and **commandments of men**, that **turn from the truth**.

**The character of these difficult people (1:15-16)**

**15Unto 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**.

**CONCLUSION**

Believers in Christ must demonstrate Godly character to unbelievers.