

TITUS

– Every Word: summer series in the small books –

“Ready for Renewal”

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Scripture: Titus 1

“Every Word” Series

Why study the 8 smallest books in the Bible this summer?

Who was **Titus** and what is this book about?

3 Essential _____ for personal and church renewal:

- 1. We _____ in God's Grace at work in our _____ (1:1-4)**

Titus 2:11-14

We are _____ of the Lord (1:1)

We are _____ in the Lord. (1:2-3)

We are _____ unto the Lord (1:4)

2. We _____ up godly _____ in our church and for our community. (1:5-9)

In _____

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3. We _____ and _____. (1:10-16)

Confront the _____ for the sake of _____.

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Getting Started:

How have you been doing spiritually through this season of COVID-19? What has been hard? In what ways has your faith grown?

Paul appointed Titus to lead the church in Crete. Where are you a leader right now in your life? As you study Titus 1, consider ways in which these points impact your own spheres of leadership.

Digging Deeper:

Read Titus 1:1-4.

V.1 What is one of your favorite parts of being a servant sent by God to share God's grace in the world? What is one of the biggest challenges?

V.2-3 Share some times in Scripture or in your life where God has demonstrated his faithfulness. What difference does it make to know that God's promises are sure and his timing is perfect?

V.4 There are challenges in the faith and in the church, which is part of why Paul is writing this letter to Titus. But what comforts do we experience in knowing we have a common faith and family and Heavenly Father in Christ?

Read Titus 1:5-9.

What two things was Titus left to do in Crete? How might these two things be related to one another?

Why must leadership begin at home?

What is the difference between possessing these characteristics and being perfect?

What is the difference between seeing your leadership as a Christian as a way of life versus only a compartmentalized role?

Read Titus 1:10-16.

What makes rebuking and dealing with “insubordinate, empty talkers, and deceivers” so hard? Think both internally (within you) and externally (with them).

There were cultural norms present in Crete (v.12-13). What are some of the cultural stereotypes that fall short of godliness from your own cultural background that you might have to be extra conscious to repent from?

Getting Real: Truth and facing self-deception is important in our walk with God. Where do your works not reflect your professed faith? It could be a very specific situation. Ask the Spirit to reveal one area in your life where what you say you believe is true and important does not match up with your actions. What “lie” are you believing about God in that area of your life?

It Starts At Home: How can you and your household practice hospitality and be lovers of good (v.8) this week? Are there unholy patterns, words, or actions that must stop?

Pray Together: *Father, we praise you, for you have called us by your grace to live lives holy and pleasing to you. Jesus, we rejoice in the salvation you bring us through your death and resurrection. Holy Spirit, raise up godly leaders amongst us. Help us rebuke disunity and discord for the sake of your glory. May we experience the peace that comes only from you, Amen.*