

# TITUS: TOWARD A HEALTHY CHURCH

Introduction & Greeting (**Titus 1:1-4**)

## WHERE IS TITUS IN THE BIBLE?

**Titus**, **1 Timothy**, and **2 Timothy** are part of what are called the \_\_\_\_\_ Epistles

## WHO WROTE TITUS?

Paul wrote the **Epistle to Titus**

## WHERE DOES TITUS TAKE PLACE?

Titus takes place on the Mediterranean island of \_\_\_\_\_

## WHEN WAS TITUS WRITTEN?

Paul probably wrote **Titus** around the same time he wrote **1 Timothy**

## WHO WAS TITUS?

Titus was probably saved under Paul's ministry as Paul calls him, "**a true son**," in **Titus 1:4**.

We first meet Titus in **Galatians 2:1-3**. Titus was a Greek.

**2 Corinthians 2:13; 7:6, 13-14; 8:6, 16, 23: If anyone inquires about Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker concerning you. Or if our brethren are inquired about, they are messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ. 2 Corinthians 12:18; Galatians 2:1, 3; 2 Timothy 4:10**

## WHY WAS TITUS WRITTEN?

**Phillips: Paul's immediate purpose in writing to Titus was to summon him to Nicopolis and to tell him that Artemas or Tychicus would be replacing him on Crete.**

Paul also took this opportunity to give Titus a guide for how to care for the churches in Crete. **Titus** includes instruction on what church leadership should look like, what church members should look like, and what church life in the world should look like

## OUTLINE

1. Church Leaders (**Titus 1**)
2. Church Laity (**Titus 2:1-10**)
3. Church Life (**Titus 2:11-3:15**)

**KNOWLEDGE OBJECTIVES**

1. To know the qualifications for church leaders
2. To know the \_\_\_\_\_ for church leaders
3. To understand the expectations for church \_\_\_\_\_
4. To better understand the authority given to church leaders
5. To see practical examples how to live the Christian faith in everyday life
6. To see practical examples of how not to live the Christian faith in everyday life

**GREETING (1:1-1:4)**

**1 Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness, 2 in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie [John Calvin: The only foundation of all true religion is the unchangeable \_\_\_\_\_ of God], promised before time began, 3 but has in due time manifested His word through preaching [Platt, Akin & Merida: Salvation inspires \_\_\_\_\_], which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior;** [Paul saw his identity embedded in what \_\_\_\_\_ had done, not in what Paul had done. **Who am I?**]

**4 To Titus, a true son in our common faith:**

**Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.**

**APPLY (SO WHAT IS THE POINT?)**

1. Truth is the foundation for our religion and our relationship with God
2. Godliness is a natural outpouring of a \_\_\_\_\_ relationship with God
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is intricately connected with a relationship with God

**PERSONALIZE (NOW WHAT DO I DO?)**

1. Know the truth
2. Live out the truth
3. \_\_\_\_\_ about the truth

**HOMEWORK: READ TITUS 1:5-9: QUALIFIED ELDERS (NKJV)**

**5 For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you— 6 if a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of dissipation or insubordination. 7 For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, 8 but hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled, 9 holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.**

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Qualified Elders (**Titus 1:5-9**)

## REVIEW (TITUS 1:1-4: GREETING)

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## INTRODUCTION

Have you ever applied for a job?

Have you ever written a job description?

## QUALIFIED ELDERS (1:5-1:9)

**Guzik: What qualifies a man for spiritual leadership is godly \_\_\_\_\_**

Paul only uses the \_\_\_\_\_ tense when describing these requirements.

**5 For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking [Calvin: Churches cannot safely \_\_\_\_\_ without the ministry of pastors], and appoint elders [bishop = overseer = presbyter = elder = pastor = shepherd = steward; Rinne: God has always provided shepherds for his people] in every city as I commanded you [Who was running these congregations?]**— **6 if a man is [\_\_\_\_\_ tense] blameless [David Guzik: Sin is vertical, blameless is horizontal; But blameless from what?], the husband of one wife [Why do you believe what you believe?], having [\_\_\_\_\_ tense] faithful children not accused of dissipation [excess, \_\_\_\_\_, prodigality] or insubordination. 7 For a bishop must be [\_\_\_\_\_ tense] blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed [Adam Clarke: Not one who is determined to have his own way in every thing], not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money [Platt, Akin, & Merida: The overseer must not use the**

ministry as a money-making business. Money is not our motive.], **8 but hospitable** [\_\_\_\_\_ of guests], **a lover of what is good, sober-minded** [\_\_\_\_\_-minded], **just, holy, self-controlled** [Rinne: There is a famous Swahili proverb that says, "When the elephants fight, the grass is trampled"], **9 holding** [\_\_\_\_\_ tense] **fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be** [\_\_\_\_\_ tense] **able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort** [\_\_\_\_\_ tense] **and convict** [\_\_\_\_\_ tense] **those who contradict** [dispute, refuse, answer again, contradict, deny, speak against; Phillips: The navigational aid available to elders is the Word of God. No matter how dense the clouds, or how they obscure the way, they must trust Scripture whenever it speaks to the issue at hand.].

Hiebert: The primary consideration must ever be the integrity of his \_\_\_\_\_ rather than his spectacular gifts

Life Application Study Bible: It is important to have leaders who can effectively preach God's word; but even more importantly, they must live out God's word and be \_\_\_\_\_ for others to follow.

### APPLY (SO WHAT IS THE POINT?)

1. God places a high value on our present relationships
2. Character trumps \_\_\_\_\_

### PERSONALIZE (NOW WHAT DO I DO?)

1. Focus on the now
2. Focus on character

Suggested resource: "Examining the "Husband of One Wife" Qualification for Elders" at [apologeticspress.org](http://apologeticspress.org) by Kyle Butt

### HOMEWORK: READ TITUS 1:10-16: THE ELDER'S TASK (NKJV)

**10 For there are many insubordinate, both idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, 11 whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole households, teaching things which they ought not, for the sake of dishonest gain. 12 One of them, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons." 13 This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, 14 not giving heed to Jewish fables and commandments of men who turn from the truth. 15 To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled. 16 They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.**

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The Elders' Task (**Titus 1:10-16**)

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What qualifies a man for spiritual leadership is godly \_\_\_\_\_

## INTRODUCTION

A call to arms for warrior sheep

Band of Brothers

## THE ELDERS' TASK (1:10-16)

**10** For [\_\_\_\_\_] there are many insubordinate, both idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision [\_\_\_\_ the church], **11** whose mouths must be stopped [stick a \_\_\_\_\_ in it], who subvert whole households [\_\_\_\_\_ families], teaching things which they ought not [**Guzik: There are at least three things which should not be taught among Christians . . . \_\_\_\_\_ doctrine . . . insubordinate things . . . \_\_\_\_\_ things**], for the sake of dishonest gain [help \_\_\_\_\_ at your expense]. **12** One of them, a prophet of their own [likely Epimenides of Knossos, Crete], said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons." **13** This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply [a \_\_\_\_\_ rebuke; **Guzik: If these congregations were left to themselves, chaos and error would dominate the churches**], that they may be sound in the faith [\_\_\_\_\_ their spiritual health], **14** not giving heed to Jewish fables and commandments of men who turn [themselves and \_\_\_\_\_ away] from the truth. **15** To the pure [*katharos*] all things are pure [**Life Application Study Bible: Grace does not make obedience \_\_\_\_\_**], but to those who are defiled [polluted] and unbelieving [turned away] nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled. **16** They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.

**APPLY (SO WHAT IS THE POINT?)**

1. Church elders have a hard, \_\_\_\_\_-appointed job
2. Church elders have a \_\_\_\_\_, God-appointed job
3. We, the sheep, are the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ

**PERSONALIZE (NOW WHAT DO I DO?)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ your elders (**Hebrews 13:17**)
2. Pray for your \_\_\_\_\_/pastor-teachers/\_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ together

**HOMEWORK: READ TITUS 2:1-10 QUALITIES OF A SOUND CHURCH (NKJV)**

**1** But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine: **2** that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience; **3** the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things— **4** that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, **5** to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

**6** Likewise, exhort the young men to be sober-minded, **7** in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, **8** sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.

**9** Exhort bondservants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all things, not answering back, **10** not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.

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Qualities of a Sound Church (**Titus 2:1-10**)

## REVIEW (TITUS 1:10-16: THE ELDERS' TASK)

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## INTRODUCTION

Good hygiene is important to \_\_\_\_\_ health

## QUALITIES OF A SOUND CHURCH (2:1-10)

**1** But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound [hygiaino; \_\_\_\_\_] doctrine: **2** that the older men be sober [sober, \_\_\_\_\_, vigilant], reverent, temperate, sound [\_\_\_\_\_] in faith, in love, in patience; **3** the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things— **4** that they admonish [make \_\_\_\_\_] the young women to love their husbands, to love their children [young women are to love their husbands \_\_\_\_\_ and their children \_\_\_\_\_], **5** to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient [the same word used in **Ephesians 5:22**] to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed. [Towner: The church must see that younger women have contact with \_\_\_\_\_ women.]

**6** Likewise, exhort the young men to be sober-minded [this is the only command for the young men], **7** in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, **8** sound [\_\_\_\_\_] speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent [opposite, antagonistic, contrary] may be ashamed [second aorist tense], having nothing evil to say of you.

**9 Exhort bondservants** [many extend the principles found here to the employee / employer relationship] **to be obedient** [the same word used in **Titus 2:5**] **to their own masters** [*despotes*], **to be well pleasing in all things, not answering back, 10 not pilfering** [\_\_\_\_\_], **but showing all good fidelity** [faith], **that they may adorn** [*kosmeo*; put in proper order, decorate, adorn, \_\_\_\_\_, trim] **the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.**

**Adam Clarke: Principle and \_\_\_\_\_ must go hand in hand.**

### **APPLY (SO WHAT IS THE POINT?)**

1. Everyone has Biblical expectations
2. Healthy doctrine → healthy lives → healthy \_\_\_\_\_

### **PERSONALIZE (NOW WHAT DO I DO?)**

1. Focus on my Biblical expectations
2. Look for the indicators of good \_\_\_\_\_

### **HOMEWORK: READ TITUS 2:11-15: TRAINED BY SAVING GRACE (NKJV)**

**11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, 13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.**

**15 Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you.**



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Trained by Saving Grace ([Titus 2:11-15](#))

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Paul is telling Titus to focus on \_\_\_\_\_ attitudes.

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Key Idea: \_\_\_\_\_

Context of sanctification

- Justification: saved from the penalty of sin
- Sanctification: saved from the binding power of sin
- Glorification: [Titus 2:13](#)

The message Paul is giving Titus is:

- No, he says something more than that: "say, ' \_\_\_\_ ' to ungodliness"
- It's internal; it's more about who you \_\_\_\_\_ than what you \_\_\_\_\_
- **Calvin: Under *ungodliness*, I include not only superstitions, in which they had gone astray, but irreligious contempt of God, such as reigns in men, till they have been enlightened in the knowledge of the truth.**
- **Christen Barber: I thought it was interesting that Calvin defines ungodliness as the "neglect" or absence of God, which reminds me of the fact that cold is simply the absence of heat or that darkness is the absence of light.**

Paul did not expect this to be a \_\_\_\_\_ subject

### **APPLY (SO WHAT IS THE POINT?)**

1. Our hope is in Jesus Christ
2. A righteous, \_\_\_\_\_ life triggers good works
3. The internal creates the external

### **PERSONALIZE (NOW WHAT DO I DO?)**

1. Say " \_\_\_\_\_ " to godliness
2. Focus on your internal life
3. Good works create a righteous \_\_\_\_\_

### **HOMEWORK: READ TITUS 3:1-8 (NKJV)**

#### **GRACES OF THE HEIRS OF GRACE (3:1-8)**

**1 Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, 2 to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men. 3 For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. 4 But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, 5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.**

**8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.**

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Graces of the Heirs of Grace (**Titus 3:1-8**)

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Some things \_\_\_\_ together and some things do not

## GRACES OF THE HEIRS OF GRACES (3:1-8)

**1 Remind them to be subject to** [\_\_\_\_\_ to] **rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready** [prepared, fit, able] **for every good work** [Life Application Study Bible: The quality of our earthly citizenship should reflect the confidence we have in our heavenly citizenship . . . As Christians, our first allegiance is to Jesus our Lord], **2 to speak evil** [vilify, blaspheme, defame] **of no one, to be peaceable, gentle** [appropriate, mild, gentle, moderate, patient], **showing all humility to all men** [Christen Barber: Humility allows us to acknowledge \_\_\_\_\_ in others that we may be lacking]. **3** [Constable: Christian behavior is to be the \_\_\_\_\_ of Cretan behavior] **For we ourselves were also once foolish** [not thinking, not exercising our minds, not intelligent], **disobedient** [not convinced, not agreeing, not obedient], **deceived** [roaming from the truth, wandering, straying, erring], **serving** [being a slave to] **various lusts** [longings for what is forbidden] **and pleasures** [sensual delights, pleasures], **living in malice** [badness, depravity, trouble, naughtiness] **and envy** [ill will, jealousy, spite], **hateful and hating one another. 4 But when the kindness** [usefulness, moral excellence, gentleness, goodness], **kindness**] **and the love** [*philanthropia*—love towards man] **of God our Savior toward man appeared** [*epiphaino*—appeared, shined on, gave light, created \_\_\_\_\_], **5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy** [mercy, compassion] **He saved** [saved, delivered, protected] **us, through the washing of regeneration** [Ordo Salutis (on regeneration): the instantaneous work of God where a man is rebirthed in to new life in Christ] **and renewing** [renewing, renovation] **of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom He poured out** [shed, poured

out, gushed, flowed, spilled] **on us abundantly** [copiously, abundantly, richly] **through Jesus Christ our Savior** [J. Vernon McGee: **Have you ever noticed that in everything God does there is always a \_\_\_\_\_?**], **7 that having been justified** [Ordo Salutis (on justification): the judicial act whereby God declares the sinner righteous because of the finished work of Jesus] **by His grace we should become heirs** [sharers, inheritors, heirs] **according to the hope** [expectation, confidence, faith, hope] **of eternal life.**

**8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly** [confirm thoroughly, affirm constantly], **that those who have believed in God should be careful** [to exercise thought, be anxious, be careful] **to maintain** [to stand before, to preside, to practice, maintain] **good works** [Phillips: **Good works are invalid as a means of salvation, but they are invaluable as a manifestation of salvation. Guzik: Faith alone saves, but the faith that saves is not \_\_\_\_\_.**]. **These things are good and profitable** [helpful, serviceable, advantageous, profitable] **to men.**

**Tchividjian (in One Way Love):** When we understand that everything between God and us has been fully and finally made right—that Christians live their lives under a banner that reads "it is finished," we necessarily turn away from ourselves and turn towards our neighbor.

### **APPLY (SO WHAT IS THE POINT?)**

1. Christians are different
2. Salvation and good works \_\_\_\_ together

### **PERSONALIZE (NOW WHAT DO I DO?)**

1. Examine my life (look for the difference)
2. Go to \_\_\_\_\_

### **HOMEWORK: READ TITUS 3:9-11 (NKJV)**

#### **AVOID DISSENTION (3:9-11)**

**9 But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless. 10 Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition, 11 knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned.**

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Avoid Dissention (**Titus 3:9-11**)

## REVIEW (TITUS 3:1-8: GRACES OF THE HEIRS OF GRACE)

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## INTRODUCTION

Do you know people who love to argue?

## AVOID DISSENTION (3:9-11)

**9** But avoid [**Guthrie: To turn oneself about so as to face the \_\_\_\_\_ way**] foolish disputes [\_\_\_\_\_, disputes, questions], **genealogies, contentions** [quarrels, contentions, debates, strifes], **and strivings** [battles, strivings, controversies] **about the law** [**How much time do I spend discussing/arguing/striving about things that do not matter?**]; **for they are unprofitable** [unprofitable, \_\_\_\_\_] **and useless** [empty, profitless, \_\_\_\_\_, idols; **Calvin: Such is the cunning of Satan, that, by the impudent talkativeness of such men, he entangles good and faithful pastors, so as to draw them away from diligence in teaching**]. **10** **Reject** [decline, shun, \_\_\_\_\_, excuse, entreat, refuse, reject] **a divisive** [schismatic; choosing to belong to a sect; **Phillips: A heretic is a person who rejects sound biblical doctrine to espouse other ideas. Such self-willed opinions lead to factions and divisions in the church.**] **man after the first and second admonition** [calling attention to, mild rebuke or warning, admonition; heretics do not \_\_\_\_\_], **11** **knowing that such a person is warped** [a compound word from 'out'

and 'twisted/turned around'] **and sinning** [missing the mark, erring, sinning], **being self-condemned** [self-judged, self-sentenced, self-condemned].

\_\_\_\_\_ is worth separating over

**J. Vernon McGee: You may whip a man down intellectually by your arguments but that does not touch his heart and win him to Christ**

### **APPLY (SO WHAT IS THE POINT?)**

1. Distractions will come
2. \_\_\_\_\_ questions exist
3. Truth requires \_\_\_\_\_

### **PERSONALIZE (NOW WHAT DO I DO?)**

1. **Guzik: Keep on** \_\_\_\_\_
2. Know how to respond
3. Be strong enough to reject

### **HOMEWORK: READ TITUS 3:12-15 (NKJV)**

#### **FINAL MESSAGES (3:12-3:14)**

**12 When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, be diligent to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. 13 Send Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey with haste, that they may lack nothing. 14 And let our people also learn to maintain good works, to meet urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful.**

#### **FAREWELL (3:15)**

**15 All who are with me greet you. Greet those who love us in the faith.**

**Grace be with you all. Amen.**

# TITUS: TOWARD A HEALTHY CHURCH

Final Messages & Farewell (**Titus 3:12-15**)

## KNOWLEDGE OBJECTIVES

1. To know the qualifications for church leaders
2. To know the expectations for church leaders
3. To understand the expectations for church members
4. To better understand the authority given to church leaders
5. To see practical examples how to live the Christian faith in everyday life
6. To see practical examples of how not to live the Christian faith in everyday life

## REVIEW (TITUS 1:1-3:8)

**Week 1: Greeting (1:1-4):** Paul saw his identity embedded in what \_\_\_\_\_ had done, not in what Paul had done

**Week 2: Qualified Elders (1:5-9):** **Guzik: What qualifies a man for spiritual leadership is godly \_\_\_\_\_**

**Week 3 (Sean McGarvey): The Elders' Task (1:10-16):** \_\_\_\_\_ together

**Week 4: Qualities of a Sound Church (2:1-10):** Good \_\_\_\_\_ is important to church health

**Week 5 (David Barber): Trained by Saving Grace (2:11-15):** Focus on \_\_\_\_\_ attitudes

**Week 6: Graces of the Heirs of Grace (3:1-8):** Some things \_\_\_\_ together and some things do not

## REVIEW (TITUS 3:9-11: AVOID DISSENTION)

**9 But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless. 10 Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition, 11 knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned. Ironside: Avoid \_\_\_\_\_ conversation and controversies.**

**FINAL MESSAGES (3:12-3:14)**

**12 When I send Artemas** [gift of \_\_\_\_\_] **to you, or Tychicus** [fortunate; a native of Asia mentioned in **Acts, Ephesians, Colossians**, and **2 Timothy**], **be diligent** [use speed, make effort, be prompt, be diligent, endeavor, labor] **to come to me at Nicopolis** [city of victory (Nike)], **for I have decided to spend the winter there.** **13 Send** [escort, \_\_\_\_\_, send forth, accompany] **Zenas** [gift of \_\_\_\_\_/Jupiter] **the lawyer and Apollos** [given by \_\_\_\_\_] **on their journey with haste** [earnestly, promptly, diligently, instantly], **that they may lack** [leave, be absent, lack] **nothing.** **14 And let our people also learn** [learn, understand; **Robertson's New Testament Word Pictures: Present active imperative, \_\_\_\_\_ on learning how**] **to maintain** [to stand before in rank, to preside, to practice, be over, rule, to excel, to be in the front, to show forth] **good** [beautiful, good, valuable, virtuous, fair, honest, worthy] **works** [works, business, toil, labor], **to meet urgent** [necessary, needful] **needs** [employment, occasion, demand, requirement, business, lack, need, want], **that they may not be unfruitful** [barren, unfruitful, without fruit].

**Barclay: The Christian workman works not only to have enough for himself but also to have something to \_\_\_\_\_ away.**

**FAREWELL (3:15)**

**15 All who are with me greet** [salute, welcome, embrace, greet] **you. Greet those who love** [*phileo*: are friends] **us in the faith.**

**Grace be with you all. Amen.**

**APPLY (SO WHAT IS THE POINT?)**

1. Good works must be learned
2. Good works are worthy of being done
3. It's not how you start, it's how you finish

**PERSONALIZE (NOW WHAT DO I DO?)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ up
2. Get in \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ well

**Homework:** 12 Angry Men