

THE BOOK OF TITUS

KEYWORD: *Conduct*

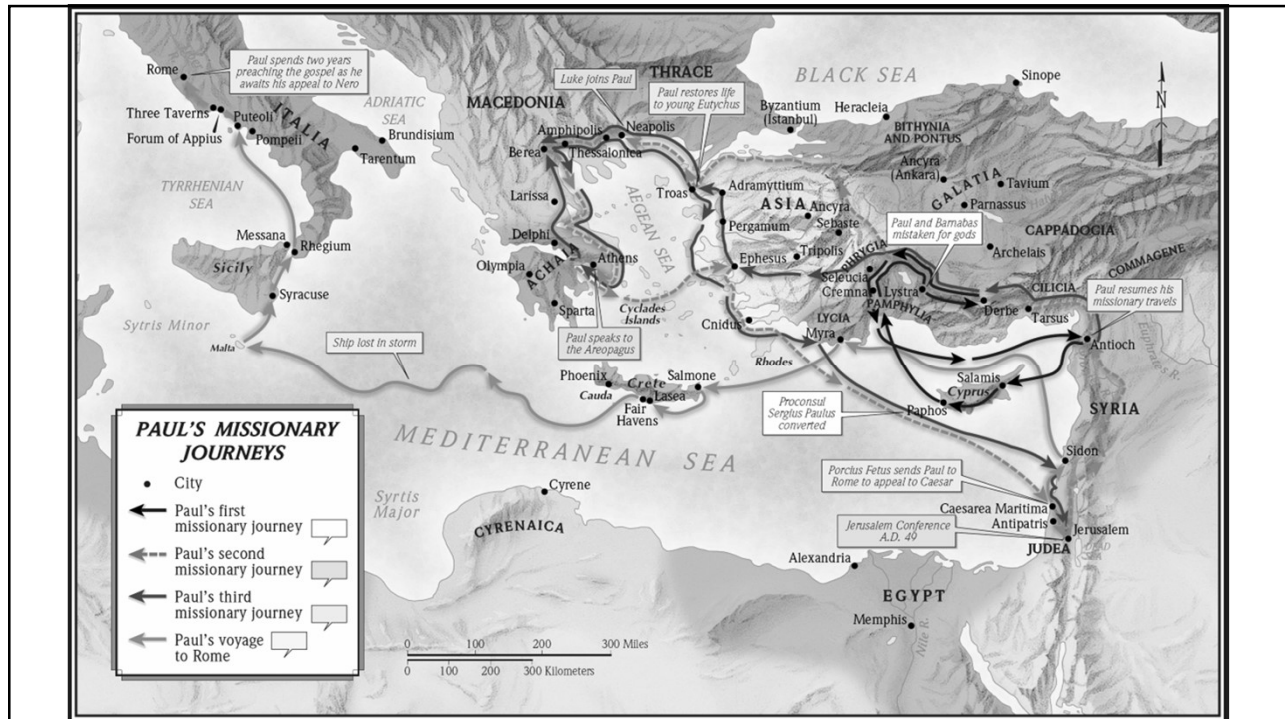
PURPOSE: To instruct Titus—who was left by Paul on the island of Crete to serve the churches there— how to develop order, godliness, and doctrinal understanding in the churches.

OUTLINE

1. The Conduct of Leadership in the Local Church (1)
2. The Conduct of the Membership in the Local Church (2)
3. The Conduct of the Membership in the World (3)

The Context of the Church

- **On the Island Crete**
 - ✓ In the Mediterranean Sea
 - ✓ 160 miles by 35 miles
 - ✓ About 100 miles from Greece
- **Occupation – Piracy**
 - ✓ Owned the Sea
 - ✓ Wealth from Plunder



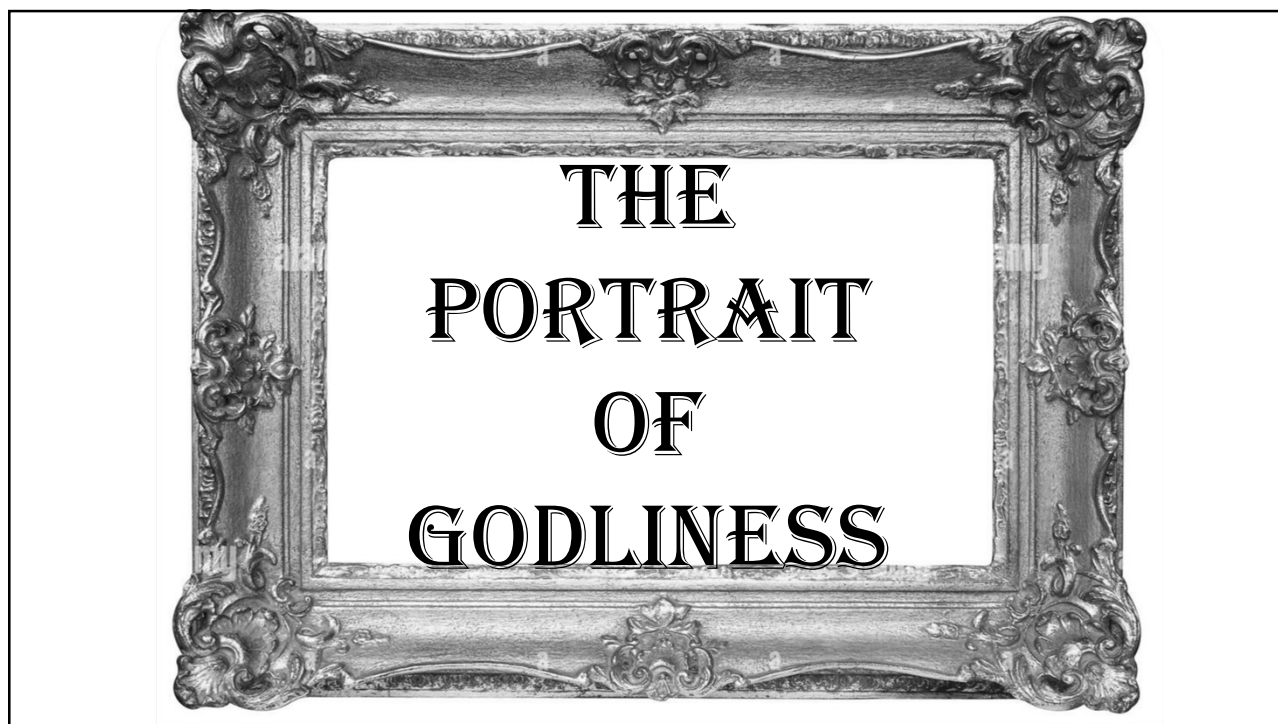
The Context of the Church

➤ The Religion

- ✓ Diversity
- ✓ Religious Charlatans
- ✓ For there are many rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not teach for the sake of sordid gain. (Tit 1:10-11)
- ✓ Jewish Mysticism (Tit 1:14)

➤ Citizens

- ✓ Portrait: Self-indulgent, Belligerent, wild, immoral
- ✓ One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons." (Tit 1:12)



The Portrait of Godliness

Definition

- Godly – According to God
- The Outworking of the Saving Grace (Tit 2:11-14)
- Requires a discipline (1 Tim 4:7)
- Received all needed to be godly (2 Pet 1:3)
- Comes with a cost (2 Tim 3:12)
- A friend of holiness (2 Pet 3:11)

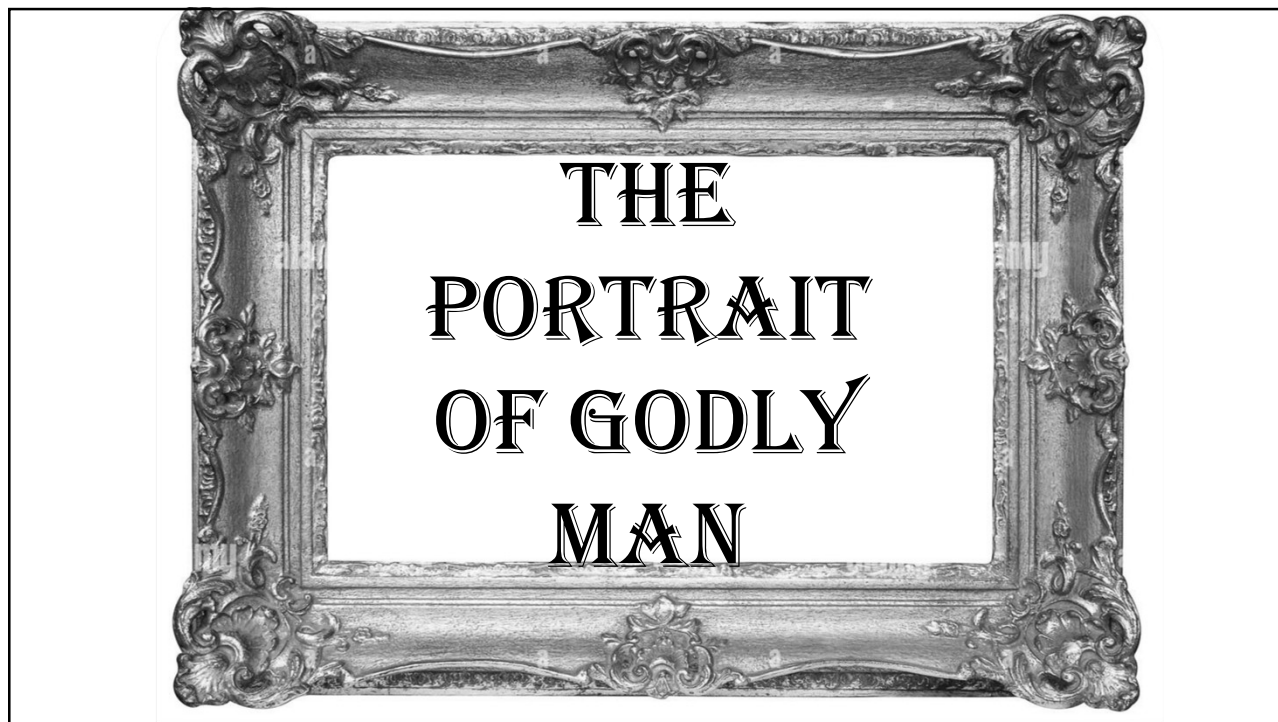
“Devotion to God which results in a life that is pleasing to Him”
(J. Bridges)

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But as for you, speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine. Older men are to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in perseverance. Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored. Likewise urge the young men to be sensible; in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine, dignified, sound in speech which is beyond reproach, so that the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us. (Tit 2:1-8)

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Urge bondslaves to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, not pilfering, but showing all good faith so that they will adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect. For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds. These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you. (Titus 2:9-15)



The Portrait of Godly Man

TEMPERATE

1. Literally – a man who is moderate in the drinking of alcohol
2. In the Paul's days this term became a picture of a man who is not given to intoxication by any fleshly appetites
3. Sons of Eli (1 Samuel 2:22-25)
4. A man who is stable, self-restrained, clear-headed
5. A man who can control his tongue, he is not sharp with his speech when someone offends him, he is not a volcano
6. Is not intoxicated by desires to obtain wealth that he losses everything... casino, life is not a gamble
7. He has learned not to rush financial decisions
8. He has learned to practice contentment – avoids urge – I must have it now....
 1. **Able to say enough... no...**

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TEMPERATE

John MacArthur observed, "Godly older believers are not given to excess. They have learned the high cost that accompanies a self-indulgent lifestyle. When most men reach this age in life, they know what has real value. Such a wise assessment of priorities needs to be passed down to the next generation."

9. Focus of a temperate man is the greater reward (1 Cor 9:26-27) - I discipline my body

The Portrait of Godly Man

TEMPERATE

How can I cultivate this quality?

1. Walk by the Spirit (Gal 5:22-23) fruit of the spirit – self-control
2. Do not be self-confident, know self (1 Cor 10:12)
3. Practice contentment (1 Tim 6:6-8)
4. Pursue godliness (1 Tim 4:6-7)
5. Live transparently (1 Thess 1:5)

The Portrait of Godly Man

DIGNIFIED

1. Literally – honorable, worthy of respect, of good character
2. Displays seriousness, gravity, dignity
3. Man of integrity - his words are consistent with his actions
4. Lot – Gen 19:14 – he was not taken seriously
5. 1 Tim 3:4 – keeping his children under control with all dignity
6. Being serious does not mean that person is not kind
7. He understand the occasion and acts appropriately to the occasion
8. Warning: This is not a person who seeks honor with all cost
9. Life that leaves good legacy – on the epitaph of your life ...
10. It is orderly life that others respect

The Portrait of Godly Man

DIGNIFIED

How can I cultivate this quality?

Surrounds his life with Phil 4:8 friends

“Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.” (Phil 4:8)

The Portrait of Godly Man

SENSIBLE

1. Literally – a person of a sound mind (thinking)
- 2. Requirement for all believers – Titus**
3. Man who is not sensible – is out of his mind (Acts 26:25)
4. Mark 5:15 – man is a right mind, after Jesus cast out demon
5. Rom 12:3 – thinks properly of himself
6. Rom 12:16 – how sensible relates to others in the church
7. Life marked by Biblical wisdom and discernment (Job)
 1. Wisdom – skill to live in this world
 2. Discernment – prudent man to is able to select, and evaluate the world around, make right conclusion

The Portrait of Godly Woman

SENSIBLE

1. The feminine cardinal virtue that defined the modest wife
2. "Friends" –
 1. dignified conduct
 2. restraint of the passions
 3. fidelity to her husband
3. Examples
 1. Proverbs 31
 2. Abigail (1 Sam 25)
 3. Mary, the mother of Jesus

The Portrait of Godly Young Man

SENSIBLE

1. Clear-headed, exercise sound judgment
2. The life is not a perpetual video game
3. Sound mind – without illusion, restrained, self-disciplined restraint of the passions
4. The friends of sound mind is moderation and contentment (1 Tim 6:6)
5. Like others, they may soon die; and they should be habitually in such a frame of mind, as to be prepared to stand before God. A young man who feels that he may be soon in the eternal world, cannot but be sensible of the propriety of having a serious mind, and of living and acting as in the immediate presence of his Maker and Judge. (Ekk1 12:1) (Barnes Notes)

The Portrait of Godly Person

SENSIBLE

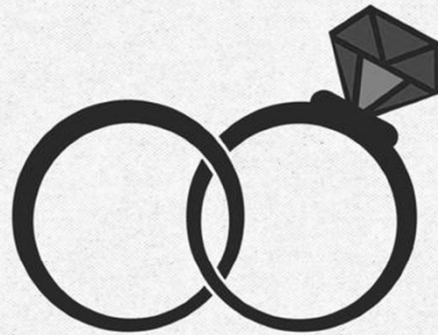
How can I cultivate this quality?

1. Steep your mind in the Word of God (Col 3:16)
2. Love the Truth
3. Cultivate discipline of listening
4. Do not build your life of assumptions
5. Seek plurality of godly council in your decisions (Prov 19:20)

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Love & Marriage