

The Bible - Week 43 (November 7th)

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Timothy + Titus

Author: Paul, these three books are collectively known as the “Pastoral Epistles” because Paul is elevating these persons to pastoral leadership.

Date: Mid 60’s

Audience: Timothy was a beloved leader and “son like” person to Paul who needed assurance. Titus was a strong Greek leader.

Reason: To develop these leaders and make sure the church was in place so that they could do the primary work of evangelism.

Theme: Leadership roles in the church and doctrine.

Key Verse:

1 Timothy 3:14–15 CEB

I hope to come to you quickly. But I’m writing these things to you so that if I’m delayed, you’ll know how you should behave in God’s household. It is the church of the living God and the backbone and support of the truth.

2 Timothy 4:5 CEB

But you must keep control of yourself in all circumstances. Endure suffering, do the work of a preacher of the good news, and carry out your service fully.

Titus 1:13 CEB

This statement is true. Because of this, correct them firmly, so that they can be healthy in their faith.

Key Words: Faith, Good deeds, Endure, Doctrine, Abide, Grace

Basic Intro: Though he was timid, Timothy was sent to deal with the leadership of Ephesus. Titus, being a strong person, was sent to deal with the entire church in Crete. Both men were supported by Paul though Paul would need to be more supportive of Timothy. Paul believed each one could get the job done.

Questions for Discussion:

- **Paul sent Timothy to sort out all of the issues in Ephesus that a letter could not handle. They needed direct, hands on, leadership. What is the difference between leadership at a distance and leadership that is close?**
- **Timothy and Titus were both outsiders in a way, how is an outside like them able to lead with authority?**
- **Paul was also raising up leaders, with how different these two were, how do you assume Paul could tell that both were called to a pastoral leadership?**
- **What is the basics of pastoral leadership to you?**
- **Titus was trying to build a strong foundation of faith in Crete. How do we ensure a strong foundation of faith in our community?**