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To Titus

Chapter One

Paul, a bondservant of Godde and an apostle of Jesus Christ according to the trust of Godde's chosen ones and the knowledge of the truth according to piety, ²in the hope of eternal life which Godde, who doesn't lie, promised before the beginning of time, ³but at the right time revealed her message through the proclamation with which I was entrusted according to the precept of Godde our Life-Giver; ⁴to Titus, my true child according to a common trust: Grace and peace from Godde the Mother and Christ Jesus our Life-Giver.

⁵The reason I left you in Crete was so that you might put in order what was left to be done and appoint presbyters in every town, as I instructed you: ⁶if anyone is beyond reproach, faithful to their partner, having children who trust and who aren't accused of being wild or rebellious. ⁷The bishop must be beyond reproach as Godde's steward, not willful, not quick-tempered, not addicted to alcohol, not violent, not greedy for money ⁸but hospitable, a lover of good, sensible, just, holy, and disciplined. ⁹They must have a firm grasp of the trustworthy message according to the teaching, so that they may be able to encourage others with sound teaching and warn those who are contrary.

¹⁰There are also many who are rebellious, talking thoughtlessly and deceiving themselves, especially those of the circumcision faction ¹¹who should be shut up; they upset whole households, shamefully teaching what they shouldn't, just to make money. ¹²One of their own prophets said, "Cretans are always liars, evil brutes, and lazy gluttons." ¹³How true! Because of this, warn them harshly so that they may be sound in the faith, ¹⁴not paying attention to Jewish fables and precepts of people turning away from the truth. ¹⁵To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are disgraced and don't trust, nothing is pure. Both their mind and their conscience have been disgraced. ¹⁶They claim to know Godde, but by their deeds they deny her, being detestable, disobedient, and unfit for doing any good deed.

Chapter Two

But as for you, convey what's suitable for sound teaching: ²Male presbyters should be sober, reverent, sensible, sound in the faith, in love, and in perseverance. ³In the same way, female presbyters likewise should be reverent in how they live, not slanderers or addicted to much alcohol, but teachers of what's good, ⁴so that they may encourage newer women to love their husbands and children, ⁵to be sensible, pure, good household managers, and deferential to their partners so that Godde's word may not be slandered. ⁶In the same way encourage newer men to be sensible. ⁷Present yourself as an example of good deeds in every way. Teach with integrity, dignity, ⁸and sound speech that can't be criticized, so that anyone who opposes you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us. ⁹Bondservants should defer to their own masters and mistresses and be well-pleasing in everything, not contrary, ¹⁰not pilfering, but showing all good trustworthiness so that in everything they may enhance the teaching of Godde our Life-Giver.

¹¹The grace of Godde has emerged, bringing life to everyone. ¹²It teaches us to deny corruption and worldly desires and to live sensibly, justly, and good in this present age, ¹³looking forward to the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of our great Godde and Life-Giver, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He gave himself for us so to redeem us from all crime and to purify for himself a people of his own, zealous to do good deeds. ¹⁵Say these things and encourage and warn with all authority. Don't let anyone despise you.

Chapter Three

Remind them to defer to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed, ²not to slander anyone, not to be violent but gentle, showing every courtesy toward all people. ³At one time we were foolish too, disobedient, deceived, serving various desires and pleasures, living in malice and envy, being hated and hating each other. ⁴But when the kindness of Godde our Life-Giver and her love toward humankind emerged, ⁵she gave us life, not by our just deeds but according to her mercy, through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom she richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our Life-Giver ⁷so that, being justified by her grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

⁸This is a trustworthy saying. I want you to strongly affirm these things, so that those who have trusted Godde may be careful to do good deeds. These things are good and useful to everyone. ⁹But avoid foolish speculations, genealogies, strife, and disputes about Torah, because they're useless and futile. ¹⁰Reject a divisive person after a first and second warning, ¹¹knowing that such a one is perverted, guilty, and self-condemned.

¹²When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, be eager to come to me to Nicopolis, because I have decided to spend the winter there. ¹³Eagerly send Zenas the lawyer and Apollos and make sure they have everything they need. ¹⁴Our people should also learn to do good deeds to meet urgent needs so that they may not be unfruitful.

¹⁵Everyone with me greets you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with all of you.