

# Titus

## Lesson #2, Chapter 1 Overview

The goal of this lesson is to teach you how to look at and begin to study a text of Scripture. Observation is a necessary part of Bible study, but can often be overlooked or rushed through. Observation begins with reading through the chapter and then reading and rereading it again and again! At this stage in our Bible study you're noticing and then recording what God has put into the chapter. You're not making any interpretations about what it means or how it applies to your life—that will come later. Don't rush through this lesson. Set aside time this week to peer into the living and abiding word of God. You'll be glad you did!

I've included Chapter 1 at the end of this lesson so you can print it out and mark it up if you'd like. I find it helps me see items more easily if I'm marking and noting things as I go.

1. To begin, read through Chapter 1. Now, summarize the contents of Chapter 1. This is not the time to be super detailed; instead, think of trying to tell a 4th grader the contents of the chapter.
  - a. Summarize paragraph 1 (verses 1-4).
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. Summarize paragraph 2 (verses 5-9).
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c. Summarize paragraph 3 (verses 10-16).
  
2. After reviewing the chapter and what you wrote for your summaries, ask yourself: What is the main point of this chapter? How do all these details and events reveal the main idea of the chapter? Record your answer below.

3. Next, look for a verse in the chapter that best summarizes the contents of the chapter. You might be tempted to choose your favorite verse here, but please don't do that. Instead, consider which verse best sums up what's in the chapter. Write down the verse you chose here.
  
4. Now you're ready to title your chapter. Your 3-5 word title should reflect the contents of the chapter. Remember, a title's purpose is to help you remember what is in each chapter.
  
5. What people and places are mentioned in Chapter 1? For example: Paul (vs. 1)
  
6. List every time God (include any pronouns that clearly refer to Him) is used in Chapter 1, include details you learn about Him. For example: (vs. 1) Paul is a bond-servant of God; (vs. 3) His word was manifested.
  
7. List every time Jesus Christ is used and what you learn about Him.
  
8. List what you learn about Paul.
  
9. Write down everything you learn about Titus from Chapter 1.
  
10. Include any details you learn about the people of Crete.

11. List what you learn about elders from this chapter.
  
12. Write down what you learn about rebellious (unruly, insubordinate) men.
  
13. What do you discover about Paul's purpose in this chapter?
  
14. What about Titus' purpose?
  
15. List what you learn about the pure.
  
16. What do you learn about the defiled (corrupted)?
  
17. Write down at least one thing that you thought was interesting from this chapter.

Chapter 1

1 PAUL, a bond-servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the faith of those chosen of God and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness,

2 in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago,

3 but at the proper time manifested, even His word, in the proclamation with which I was entrusted according to the commandment of God our Savior;

4 to Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

5 For this reason I left you in Crete, that you might set in order what remains, and appoint elders in every city as I directed you,

6 namely, if any man be above reproach, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, not accused of dissipation or rebellion.

7 For the overseer must be above reproach as God's steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain,

8 but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, just, devout, self-controlled,

9 holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, that he may be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.

- 10 For there are many rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision,
- 11 who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not teach, for the sake of sordid gain.
- 12 One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.
- 13 This testimony is true. For this cause reprove them severely that they may be sound in the faith,
- 14 not paying attention to Jewish myths and commandments of men who turn away from the truth.
- 15 To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled.
- 16 They profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him, being detestable and disobedient, and worthless for any good deed.