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Scripture passage included then commentary underneath each verse

King James Version

(KJV)

Verse (1): Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;

There is a business aspect to the Church as this opening has no prayer or praise – it gets straight to the point (Fee & Stuart, 2002).

Fee, G. D. & Stuart, D. (2002). *How to read the bible*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

To further accentuate this point, Ministers of the Gospel will adapt smaller matters of the faith to be effective due to the very high honor due to God almighty – **the service must demonstrate the natural service of the great gospel or the highest state of the gospel** (Herny, 2008).

Henry, Matthew. (2008). *Matthew henry's commentary on the whole bible*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers Marketing, LLC

Dr. Merz, Richard Todd (2024). <https://merzwebsite.com/>. **Many times the Christian faith is concerned with the high matters to somehow show God's ability. When in fact, God is the creator who enables us to be in His will. God holds life. God commands Christians to adapt the smaller matters as just as essential. All backgrounds and education levels are welcome on this Ministry Website as equally important.**

First, Paul is a servant of God. Above all else, a servant. If a person's church business lacks the larger community seeing the servanthood of God, then the business aspect is off the mark. The acknowledging of the truth is after godliness in this business manner. Servanthood comes before office. The larger church community needs to see servanthood before office.

Verse (2): In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

God demonstrates why He requires Ministers of the gospel to adapt or run after the smaller matters as servants; God did not just guarantee the gospel but manifested it in the delivery of the great gospel (Henry, 2008).

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God has the greater gospel who "...cannot lie, promised before the world began". God's Salvation of eternal life is assured.

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Verse (3): But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour;

How did God manifest the great gospel? God did it through preaching. The Apostle Paul indicates that this is servanthood for the Minister of the gospel.

There is humility in the process of preaching that encompasses the confidence that the guarantee of Salvation unto eternal life is assured because God cannot lie. God has the great gospel. That is why God commands Christians to adapt the smaller matters as essential – we do not create the gospel; we submit to the creator.

Dr. Merz, Richard Todd (2024). <https://merzwebsite.com/> **The evidence of submission to God comes through community value placed on the Ministry being offered – community is all inclusive backgrounds and education level Acts 17:11-14 (Strategic Partners).**

Why? Because no one on the planet takes this honor unless appointed by God (Henry, 2008). However, God is not a God of chaos as only the preacher is the Apostle's heir (Henry, 2008).

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Moreover, God provides broader strategic opportunity in callings of God through the Social Groups in Titus 2:1-10 (Fee & Stuart, 2002).

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Also, see Acts 17:11-14.

Verse (4): To Titus, mine own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Bringing Verses (1-3) together, the jointness of God is common faith. God's joint Church is supposed to be a common faith and is to work towards this joint effort.

Faith is to be common and the dictionary references salt and pepper as most common.

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Verse (5): For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:

Bringing verses 1 to 4 together; God is not a God of chaos. Some functions are contained within the structure of the local church. Some functions are contained in the social groups beyond the local church structure. Both functions are to compliment and strengthen one another.

However, it begins with the structure of the local church. As an Evangelist, Titus had the time to water the field; whereas, the Apostle owned great diligence in establishing the gospel in various locations (Henry, 2008). It is noted that Apostles are higher than Evangelists and Evangelists are higher than standard Pastors (Henry, 2008).

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Dr. Merz, Richard Todd (2024). <https://merzwebsite.com> **Social groups find their birthing from the Apostles, Evangelists, and standard Preachers based on community value in the social group ministry being offered (Acts 17:11-14).**

Verse (6): If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly.

This verse pertains to those in the local church structure. This verse does not pertain to the social groups.

Of course all people are sinners, so this is standard guidelines for those in the local church structure. In this relation, the choice of marriage does not render any bearing on God's ability to call or assign. However, there are rules of engagement.

Errantly in Rome, this meant the husband of no wife, but in creation marriage is an ordinance and does not affect anyone's legitimate calling or profession in life (Henry, 2008). Therefore, those in the local church structure are permitted to marry provided they follow the guidelines (Henry, 2008).

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Verse (7): For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

Bishops, being a steward, are to be the example of how to feed the flock, how to rule the flock, and how to oversee the flock keeping all things in due order (Henry, 2008).

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- **Not self-willed**
- **Not quickly angry**
- **Not driven to wine**
- **Not a striker**
- **Not giving into filthy profit**

Verse (8): But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;

God loves those who love. God loves Bishops who are:

- **Hospitable**
- **Seek to do good**
- **Sober**
- **Just**
- **Holy**
- **Temperate**

Dr. Merz, Richard Todd (2024). <https://merzwebsite.com/> **This ministry website welcomes all backgrounds and education levels. I have used an unconventional method to simplify and to reach a wide variety, but I do encourage further study without a doubt. It is validating that I am authentic (not sinless) because, even though this is unconventional, it is greatly received in the community. It is of zero profit to me. Matters of eternity are priceless.**

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Verse (9): Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

This Ministry Website Owner, has best understood the wrestling I had with God concerning this calling and realizing "...by sound doctrine...", this Ministry Website Owner has both exhorted and convinced the gains. Nonetheless, as a member of the Titus Social Group, it is a critical matter to gain strategic partnering. Right, and so.

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Jump forward, you ask why? Great question. In the next verse, there are self-righteous deceivers especially in the faith who do not exhort or gain.

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God specifically measures how those in the faith follow instructions; not all knowing but nearness or holding fast to greatly gain the opposition (Henry, 2008). Titus was to ordain elders within the local church structure (Henry, 2008).

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Verse (10): For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision:

Bad teachers are unruly, vain, and deceitful. These teachers do not exhort or gain.

Bad teachers do not submit themselves to the church order nor of sound doctrine (Henry, 2008).

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Therefore, having this Ministry Website greatly received within community was much needed to aid myself in coming to terms with the calling of God. Nonetheless, as a member of the Titus Social Group, it is a critical matter to gain strategic partnering. Right, and so.

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Verse (11): Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.

See, this Ministry Website is greatly received; whereas the bad teachers must be stopped. Nonetheless, as a member of the Titus Social Group, it is a critical matter to gain strategic partnering. Right, and so.

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Refutation, censure, and shame are primary ways sound doctrine stops the bad teachers (Henry, 2008).

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Verse (12): One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, the Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies.

This Ministry Website Owner discussed the significance God places on those who follow instructions.

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The matter here is that the Cretians were liars, evil, and lazy - that is not following instructions (Henry, 2008)

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However, it is noted that a more significant beforehand occurrence exists concerning following instructions in that of Grace Given that is linked to the future God Gives and the eternal redemption of the Christ (Fee & Stuart, 2002). So, God's grace and future are not only before time began but exist after time in eternity (Fee & Stuart, 2002).

Fee, G. D. & Stuart, D. (2002). *How to read the bible*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

It is a great opportunity to understand that God's Grace and God's Future come ahead and after greatly following instruction and are linked to eternity. Greatly following instruction is subservient as God greatly uplifts within creation unto His glory. See – God uses those who greatly follow instructions as a conduit of greater joint matters.

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Verse (13): This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith;

Verses 13 to 16 feed off the discussion in Verse 12 as the pillar. Refer to the Verse 12 discussion. Notice here in Verse 13, “This witness is true”.

Therefore, all are sinners. For those who are redeemable, “...rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith”. It is for no other purpose, but to make them sound in the faith. God’s Grace and God’s Future are still greatly here.

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Sometimes it is person or culture dependent. Timothy was meeker because the people he dealt with were polite in nature (Henry, 2008). Whereas, Titus was dealing with a rougher person or culture (Henry, 2008). Additionally, it is noted that sin is sin, yet some sin more remiss (Henry, 2008).

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Verse (14): Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth.

This is the proof that God’s instructions are greater than man’s commandments. God’s instructions are not replaced by man’s lack of inclusion. The reasoning is very clear, this lacking in man’s commandments is not the truth because it is contrary to God’s truth. God is truth. Man’s commandments can lack truth.

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Man’s law can lack truth and instead turn from the truth (Henry, 2008). God indicates this happened when people uplifted the ordinances of the laws of Moses rather than the redemption of the Christ or exchanging the divine truth for human involvement (Henry, 2008).

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Verse (15): Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

To the pure all things are pure - they see very clearly (Henry, 2008). To the nothing is pure, they take the law, turn away from the truth, and create tainted communication (Henry, 2008). For illustration, certain meats and drinks were not allowed under the law, but for those who held the higher ground of the redemption of the Christ no such ordinances of law were observed (Henry, 2008).

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Verse (16): They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

It is possible to profess of God, yet be disobedient in contradiction of that profession of God by life practice (Henry, 2008).

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