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A look of Paul's letter to **Titus**

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**demonstrate maturity in
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Leadership Matrix

of the heart and the mind

Best Case Scenario

Tough-minded
Soft-hearted

Soft Case Scenario

Soft-hearted
Soft-minded

Hard Case Scenario

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Worst Case Scenario

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Titus 1:10-16



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**...the leadership in
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Epimenides: legendary Cretan from the 6th or 7th century BC

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Peace Child, the highest cultural value was
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*“it is almost impossible to find personal conduct
more treacherous or public policy more unjust
than in Crete.”*

Roman politician **Cicero** (106 BC-43 BC)
stated in his Republic,
*“Moral principles are so divergent that the Cretans
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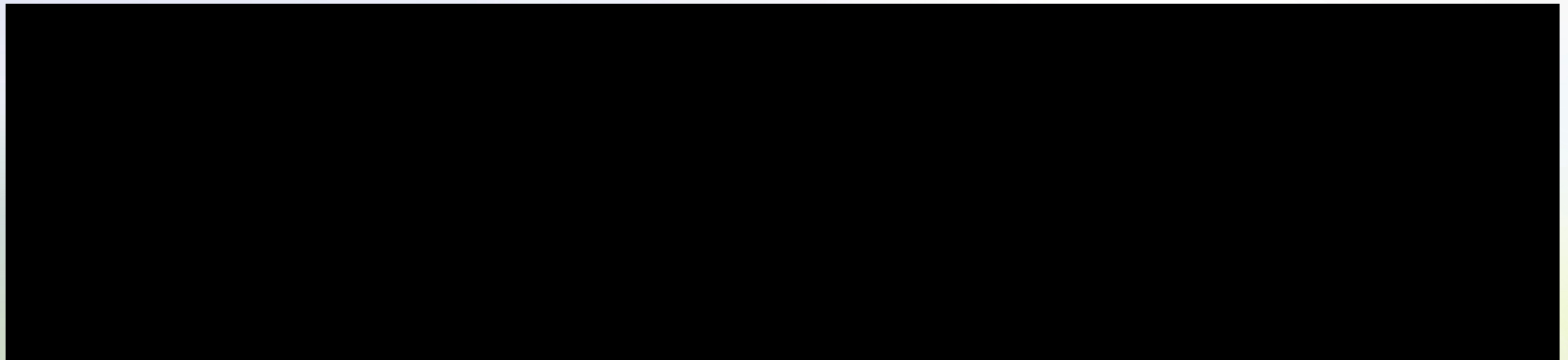
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License: subtracting necessary works that reflect the nature of God's 'holiness'

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- 16 They profess to know God, but they deny Him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.**

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John 15-13



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