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

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**Titus 1:1-4**

**Paul instructs Titus to  
'help put the church in order'**



# Titus 1:5-9

**A church needs effective  
godly leadership who...**

**Manage their private life  
well...**

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**are tenacious with God's  
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**Titus 1:10-16**

**...that sort of leadership  
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**...because the church is facing  
unprecedented pressure,  
and even persecution,  
for not being conformed to  
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**...but being conformed to the world, rather than transformed into the image of Christ by His truth, actually abandons people to an inevitable and painful bondage.**

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**2:1 But as for you, teach what accords  
with sound doctrine.**



# Titus 2:1-10

**...it starts with men and women  
who live lives of distinction...**

***...and we can't do that  
unless we do it together in a  
dynamic integration of generations.***



# Titus 2:1-10

***“A credible message  
needs a credible messenger...”***

**...because charisma  
without character  
is a catastrophe!”**

# Titus 2:11-15

**Sound doctrine is grounded  
in the life changing reality  
of the work of Christ  
in us and among us...**

***His grace lived out in us!!!***

# Quest Vision

A ***people*** and a ***place*** where  
the skeptic,  
the inquirer,  
and the already convinced  
can (together) find ***room*** and ***reason*** to  
belong,  
to believe,  
and to be transformed.

**Titus 3:1-11**

**‘What makes the  
difference’  
in transformation?**



**Titus 3:1-3**

**The 'difference'...**



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Today...

*'Quest'ions?*

Today...

Are we going to be  
'difference makers'

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**Today...**

**Are we going to.....**

**...treat people with the inherent value  
that God gave them?**

**Today...**

**Are we going to.....**

**...devote ourselves to good works  
that reflect the grace that God has  
poured out on us and wants to use  
us to pour it out on others?**

**Today...**

**Are we going to.....**

**...commit ourselves to avoid  
the petty arguments and attitudes  
that so easily destroy what God wants  
to do in and through His people?**

**Today...**

**Are we going to.....**

***...be a church in  
and  
for the community?***



Today...

Are we going to.....

...be a church that  
*seeks God, loves people, engages life,  
and helps people find hope?*



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