

Titus choral reading

CHARACTERS: Paul (25), Timothy (22), All,

SETTING: bare stage

RUN TIME: about 3 minutes/page

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Titus 1-3, Galatians 2:1, 2 Corinthians 7:6-7, 8:23 (HCSB)

NOTE: PAUL, the author, and, TITUS, the recipient of his letter, narrate this letter. If this is being staged, TITUS should be seated far stage right, PAUL far stage left, and the CHORUS center stage. PAUL can be seated, appearing to be writing the letter. TITUS is holding the "letter" and reading it.

Introduction

PAUL: To Titus, who traveled with me to Jerusalem with Barnabas.

ALL: Titus, who came to Paul in Macedonia.

A: We had no rest there, but were troubled in every way:

ALL: conflicts on the outside, fears inside.

PAUL: But God, who comforts the humble,

ALL: comforted us by the arrival of Titus, your partner and coworker

PAUL: To Titus, my true son in our common faith.

ALL: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

Messages to all (chapters 1-2)

PAUL: Titus, the reason I left you in Crete was to set right what was left undone and, to appoint elders.

ALL: Elders must be blameless, the husband of one wife,

B: having faithful children not accused of wildness or rebellion.

ALL: For an overseer, as God's administrator, must be blameless,

A: not arrogant, not hot-tempered, not addicted to wine,

ALL: not a bully, not greedy for money,

B: but hospitable, loving what is good,

ALL: sensible, righteous, holy, self-controlled,

A: holding to the faithful message as taught,

ALL: so that he will be able both to encourage with sound teaching

B: and to refute those who contradict it.

A: Older men are to be level headed, worthy of respect,

ALL: sensible, and sound in faith, love, and endurance.

A: In the same way, older women are to be reverent in behavior,

ALL: not slanderers, not addicted to much wine.

B: They are to teach what is good,

ALL: so they may encourage the young women to love their husbands and to love their children,

A: to be self-controlled, pure, homemakers,

B: kind, and submissive to their husbands,

ALL: so that God's message will not be slandered.

A: In the same way, encourage the young men to be self-controlled in everything.

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ALL: Make yourself an example of good works with integrity and dignity in your teaching.

A: Jesus Christ gave Himself for us

ALL: to redeem us from all lawlessness

B: and to cleanse for Himself a people for His own possession,

ALL: eager to do good works.

A: Say these things, and encourage and rebuke with all authority.

ALL: Let no one disregard you.

Christian Living (chapter 3)

A: Remind everyone to be submissive to rulers and authorities,

ALL: to obey, to be ready for every good work,

B: to slander no one, to avoid fighting,

ALL: and to be kind, always showing gentleness to all people.

A: When God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared,

ALL: He saved us—

B: not by works of righteousness that we had done,

ALL: but according to His mercy, through the washing of regeneration

A: and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

B: Let those who have believed God be careful to devote themselves to good works.

ALL: These are good and profitable for everyone.

A: But avoid foolish debates, quarrels, and disputes.

B: Our people must also learn to devote themselves to good works for cases of urgent need,

ALL: so that they will not be unfruitful.

A: Greet those who love us in the faith.

ALL: Grace be with all of you.

Online review games

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<http://www.quia.com/cb/486357.html>

Titus hangman

<http://www.quia.com/hm/845196.html>