

# Study Buddies

## Quick Bible Reference Guides

### TITUS: Special Instructions for Godly Living

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#### Overview

This letter was written to Titus, an early leader in the church. Originally it included special instructions for the different groups within in the church in Crete. But it is very relevant for today's Christians as well.

The letter encourages Titus to continue teaching the truth about the faith and to instruct people on living their lives as God wants. Apparently, some of the people in the churches in Crete were trying to fool some of the followers by teaching false things.

#### Key Points and Verses

Please read the whole book to gain the fullest experience. These points are just a few of the highlights that have been encapsulated from the text.

- 1.5-9 Church leaders and false teachers
- 2.1-10 Instructions for productive living
- 2.11-15 God's kindness and the new life
- 3.1-2 Overcoming rebelliousness and respecting authority
- 3.8-11 Avoiding senseless theological arguments

#### Study Questions

1. According to the author of Titus, how are appointed church leaders and officials to live? (1.5-9). Do you think church leaders, pastors, and priests are expected to live according to a higher set of standards than anyone else? Why or why not?
2. What do you think "everything is pure for the pure in heart" (1.15) means? How does this statement affect you?
3. According to the author of Titus, how did God show his kindness? (2.11-14; 3.4-7).
4. Why was Titus instructed to remind the people in his care to obey the government rulers and authorities? (3.1) What might have been the consequences if they were rebellious? What do you think of this advice?

#### Something to Think About

What was the most important thing you learned from reading Titus?

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Dear Group Leader:

If you're looking for a straightforward resource to enhance study time with your group, you have come to the right place. Study Buddies give a brief synopsis of the Bible book you wish to study and highlight key points and verses throughout the text. There are also thought-provoking questions included to get the discussion going.

These study sheets were prepared based upon the Contemporary English Version of the Bible. But when studying, it is always good to use more than one version as a reference. We encourage this practice because it will enable you and your companions to compare the language of the translations and gain a fuller understanding of the text.

Study Buddies can be used at church, in the home, or in the workplace (where permitted) **free of charge**. Here are a few ways for you to get the most out of them:

- Use in church classroom settings for both adult and youth groups. Add a little flavor by touching upon topics that are relevant to your community. Are you in an urban setting? Rural? Suburban? How does your community compare to the communities and people of the Bible? Find ties that will make the lessons personal and relevant to the specific circumstances that you are facing.
- Use with people who don't know much about the Bible. Maybe they are new Christians or people who are uncertain about what the Bible is about. These sheets can act as a primer to basic Bible knowledge about the contents of each book and why it was written.
- Use during family time with your teens and pre-teens as a reinforcement to the lessons learned in church. While your son or daughter may already think that they're adults, these study sheets can help you help them transition into adulthood with grace and compassion.
- Finally, use with your neighbors, co-workers, friends and loved ones who have expressed an interest in the Bible. Form a small in home group and increase your awareness of what the Scriptures are saying. Try to develop bonds that will help each of you remain faithful to God and his Word.

We hope that you'll find these study sheets to be an excellent starting point for your lessons.

Sincerely,  
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