

Children's Sermon: Watchman on the Wall

If you were walking around with your eyes closed, whose fault would it be if you walked into something?

If you saw someone walking towards a cliff with their eyes closed, and you didn't say anything, whose fault would it be that that person fell off the cliff?

Everyone will appear before God to be judged!

Romans 14:10b

For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God...



I Pray the Lord will Open Your Eyes!

Key Points in Titus

Notes:

Titus 1:5

⁵ This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might **put what remained into order**, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you—

- I. Appoint Elders: Teach & Rebuke
- II. God's Grace Produces A People Devoted to Sound Doctrine & Good Works
- III. Good Works Are Shaped by God Our Savior (Love. Service)

Note the Manner Titus is to Use

Paul Instructs Titus to Speak with Authority

- I. The Source of Authority

Titus 1:1–3

¹ Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of **the faith of God's elect** and **their knowledge of the truth**, which accords with godliness,² in hope of *eternal life*, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began³ and at the proper time manifested in his word through the preaching with which I have been entrusted **by the command of God our Savior...**

Titus 1:9–14

⁹ **He [the elder] must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught**, so that he may be able to **give instruction** in sound doctrine and also to **rebuke** those who contradict it.

II. Speaking with Authority

¹⁰ **For** there are many who are **insubordinate**, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party. ¹¹ **They must be silenced**, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach. ¹² One of the Cretans, a prophet of their own, said, “Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.” ¹³ This testimony is true. Therefore **rebuke them sharply**, that they may be sound in the faith. ¹⁴ not devoting themselves to Jewish myths and the commands of people who turn away from the truth.

III. Speak & Show

Titus 2:1, 6-8, 15

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

⁶ Likewise, **urge** the younger men to be self-controlled. ⁷ **Show yourself** in all respects to be a **model of good works**, and in your **teaching show** integrity, dignity, ⁸ and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.

¹⁵ **Declare** these things; **exhort** and **rebuke** with all authority.
Let no one disregard you.

The Conclusion (3:8-15)

Today's Biblical Bullet...

Paul urges Titus to teach & live the apostolic message with God given authority.



I. The saying... (Review) God Has Shown Us Grace & Mercy! (8)

⁸ **The saying is trustworthy**... (1 Tim. 1:15; 3:1; 4:9; 2 Tim. 2:11)

⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.



II. Insist on the Importance of Good Works (8)

⁸ The saying is trustworthy, and **I (myself) want you (yourself) to insist** on *these things*, so that *those who have*

*believed*¹ in God **may be careful**² **to devote themselves**³ to **good works**. *These things* **are** **excellent**⁴ and **profitable** for people.

III. Dealing with Quarrelsome, Divisive People (3:9–11)

⁹ But **(you yourself) avoid** foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for **they are** **unprofitable** and **worthless**. ¹⁰ *As for* a person **who stirs up division**, after warning⁵ him once and then twice, **(you yourself) have nothing more to do with** him, ¹¹ **knowing** that such a person *is warped*⁶ and sinful; *he is* self-condemned.

IV. Final Instructions and Greetings (3:12–15)

¹² When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, **do your best** to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. ¹³ **Do your best to speed** Zenas the lawyer and Apollos **on their way**; *see that* (in order that) **they lack nothing**. ¹⁴ And **let** our people **learn**⁷ **to devote themselves** to **good works**, **so as to help** cases of **urgent need**, and **not be unfruitful**. ¹⁵ All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all.

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Ezekiel 3:20–21 (17–19)

²⁰ Again, if a righteous person turns from his righteousness and commits injustice, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die. Because you have not warned him, he shall die for his sin, and his righteous deeds that he has done shall not

¹ **“to believe to the extent of complete trust and reliance—‘to believe in, to have confidence in, to have faith in, to trust, faith, trust.’”** (Perfect) Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: (2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 375).

² **“to keep on giving serious consideration to something—‘to ponder, to let one’s mind dwell on, to keep thinking about, to fix one’s attention on.’”** Ibid. (p. 351).

³ **“to be engaged in helping or aiding—‘to be active in helping, to be involved in giving aid.’”** Ibid. (p. 458).

⁴ **“pertaining to a positive moral quality, with the implication of being favorably valued—‘good, fine, praiseworthy.’”** Ibid. (p. 741).

⁵ **“to provide instruction as to correct behavior and belief—‘to instruct, to teach, instruction, teaching.’”** Ibid. (p. 414).

⁶ **“to have departed from the patterns of correct behavior and thus to have become corrupt—‘to be corrupt, to have become corrupt.’”** Ibid. (p. 769).

⁷ **“to learn from experience, often with the implication of reflection—‘to learn, to come to realize.’”** Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 326). New York: United Bible Societies.

be remembered, but his blood I will require at your hand. ²¹
But if you warn the righteous person not to sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live, because he took warning, and you will have delivered your soul.”

- I. We are Ministers of the Authorized Word of God!
 - A. Speak it...
 - B. Live it...
 - C. When Necessary, Divide Over it...

Eternal life and eternal death are at stake!



Romans 14:10b

For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God...