

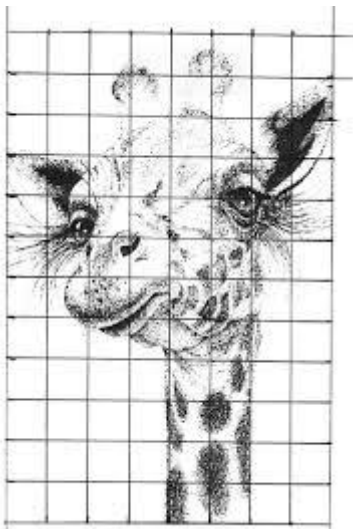
**I will be preaching through the Book of Titus over the next few months.
Pastor Adam and Russ will be speaking on a topic, chapter or book as well.**

Today is my introduction to the Book as we investigate Titus and his life.

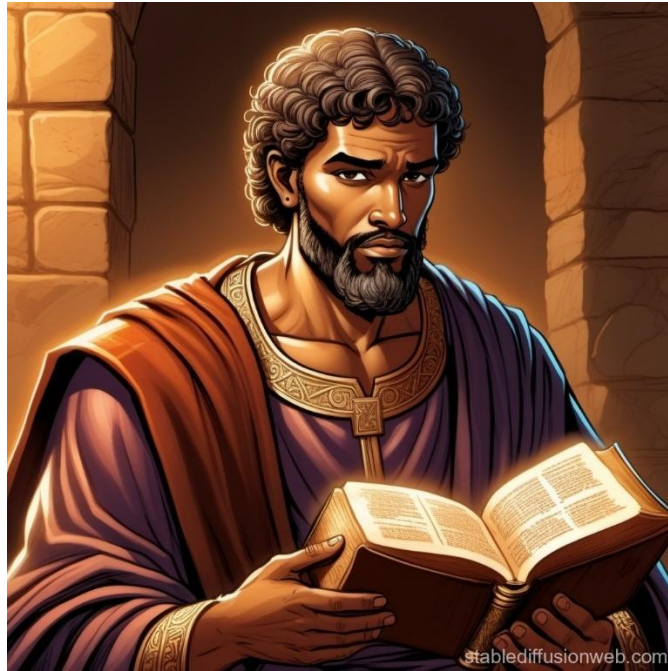
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We are always becoming
Becoming someone and something.



Titus the Book and Titus the man



Who Was Titus?

Titus was a Greek follower of Jesus and a true companion of the Apostle Paul. He is mentioned multiple times in the New Testament, particularly in Paul's letters. Titus played a crucial role in the early church, serving as a messenger and leader in various Christian communities. Paul referred to him as his "true son in our common faith" (Titus 1:4), highlighting their close relationship and Titus' importance in Paul's ministry.

The Book of Titus

Purpose of Writing: The Epistle to Titus is known as one of the Pastoral Epistles as are the two letters to Timothy. This epistle was written by the apostle Paul to encourage his brother in the faith, Titus, whom he had left in Crete to lead the church which Paul had established on one of his missionary journeys (Titus 1:5). This letter advises Titus regarding what qualifications to look for in leaders for the church. He also warns Titus of the reputations of those living on the island of Crete (Titus 1:12). In addition to instructing Titus in what to look for in a leader of the church, Paul also encouraged Titus to return to Nicopolis for a visit. In other words, Paul continued to disciple Titus and others as they grew in the grace of the Lord (Titus 3:13).

Significance of the Name Titus

The name comes from the Latin *titulus*, meaning "title" or "inscription," and suggesting honor, dignity, and respect.

How does someone become a cherished and valuable leader?

- ✓ **Begins with salvation.**
- ✓ **Appreciative for being ransomed from slavery.**
- ✓ **Recognizing the true purpose of life on earth.**
- ✓ **Making the right choices in every area of life.**
- ✓ **Time and developing a reputation.**

6 Character Qualities that Titus was known for.

To Titus, a true son in our common faith:

There is nothing better in life than a group of believers that love God and love each other. It's a community that God intended. It's like a well oiled machine that produces that which it was created to do.

✓ 1. A MAN OF COMFORT

2 Corinthians 2:13

I had no rest in my spirit, because I found not **Titus** my brother: but taking my leave of them, I went from thence into Macedonia.

2 Corinthians 7:6- Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of **Titus**;

This is the way Christians ought to help one another. We ought to bear one another's burdens (Gal. 6:2); encourage one another (Heb. 10:25); minister to one another (1 Peter 4:10–11).

Ecclesiastes 4:9–12 states that “two are better than one.” What a privilege and responsibility it is for Christians to encourage one another! When Elijah thought he was the only one faithful to God, he began to backslide. Jonah ministered alone and developed a bitter spirit.”Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the NT)

LONELY CHRISTIANS ARE OFTEN DEFEATED CHRISTIANS

Paul received encouragement from Titus because he recognized an important principle: often the Lord comes to us in the unexpected person at an unexpected time in an unexpected way...

Martin Luther was subject to such fits of darkness that he would hide himself away for days, and his family would remove all dangerous implements from the house for fear

he would harm himself. In the midst of one of these times, his indomitable wife, Katharina, entered his room dressed in mourning clothes. Startled, Luther asked who had died. She replied that no one had, but from the way he was acting, she thought God had died!

[John Henry Jowett](#), the renowned pastor of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian in New York City, and later Westminster Chapel in London, wrote to a friend in 1920, “You seem to imagine I have no ups and downs but just a level and lofty stretch of spiritual attainment with unbroken joy and equanimity. By no means! I am often perfectly wretched and everything appears most murky.”

✓ 2. A MAN OF JOY

[2 Corinthians 7:13](#)

Therefore we were comforted in your comfort: yea, and exceedingly the more joyed we for the joy of **Titus**, because his spirit was refreshed by you all.

See verse 15- more abundantly

to cause or permit one to cease from any movement or labour in order to recover and collect his strength; to give rest, refresh, to give one's self rest, take rest; to keep quiet, of calm and patient expectation

[1 Corinthians 16:14 - 18](#)- an addiction

✓ 3. A MAN OF RELIABILITY

[2 Corinthians 7:14](#)

For if I have boasted any thing to him of you, I am not ashamed; but as we spake all things to you in truth, even so our boasting, which *I made* before **Titus**, is found a truth.

[2 Corinthians 8:6](#)

Insomuch that we desired **Titus**, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also.

2 Timothy 2:1-2 4:11 Philemon 1:11

✓ 4. A MAN OF CARE

2 Corinthians 8:16

But thanks *be* to God, which put the same earnest care into the heart of **Titus** for you.

spoudé, spoo-day'; from [G4692](#); "speed", i.e. (by implication) despatch, eagerness, earnestness:—business, (earnest) care(-fulness), diligence, forwardness, haste.

See 2 Corinthians 7:12

1 Corinthians 1:10; 3:1-3

We must root for the other guy. We must be the biggest cheerleaders for other ministries! **Hebrew 12:1**

"Nothing could be more reassuring to the Corinthians than to know that the devotion and concern for them shared by Paul and Titus were simply a reflection of God's own affection for them. And it was concern for them, not for their money. As Paul later ([2 Co 12:14+](#)) comments, "What I want is not your possessions but you." ([1 and 2 Corinthians The Expositor's Bible Commentary](#))

✓ 5. A MAN OF COOPERATION AND LOYALTY

2 Corinthians 8:23

Whether *any do enquire* of **Titus**, *he* is my partner and fellowhelper concerning you: or our brethren *be enquired of*, *they* are the messengers of the churches, *and* the glory of Christ.

As for **Titus**, he is my partner (koinonos) and fellow worker (sunergos) among you - Paul's letter of commendation continues. The idea of partner (koinonos) is one who shared a **common concern** (koinos) because they shared a **common faith** (Titus 1:4), a **common message** (the Gospel), a **common salvation** (Jude 1:3), a **common Savior** (Jesus Christ) and a **common goal** (the glory of God).

It is worth noting that the designation "my partner" (koinonos) is the only place Paul used this word of a colleague. Fellow worker (sunergos) emphasizes how intimately Paul and Titus worked in ministry, this intimate interaction enabling them to accomplish far more together than they could accomplish by themselves alone. In a word they were "synergistic saints" working with (sunergeo) God (2Co 6:1+) making this an indomitable ministry for the Gospel.

III. Russ and Adam

I love the concept of a team spirit.

Football- unified, all in it for the same reason, all on the same team, all putting others achievements ahead of their own, all placing value on every member doing their part. The tush push play.

2 Corinthians 12:18- I desired **Titus**, and with *him* I sent a brother. Did **Titus** make a gain of you? walked we not in the same spirit? *walked we* not in the same steps?

Partner (partaker, sharer) (2844) koinonos from **koinos** = common, shared by all) (related word koinonia) is one who participates with another in an enterprise or matter of joint concern. It is one who fellowships and shares something in common with another. He or she takes part in something with someone else.

Fellow worker (4904) sunergos from sun = together with, speaks of an intimate relationship + **érgon** = work) means literally working together with and thus refers to a companion in work, a colleague, a co-laborer, a fellow laborer or fellow helper

Messengers (652) apostolos from **apo** = from + **stello** = send forth) (apostle) means one sent forth from by another, often with a special commission to represent another and to accomplish his work. It can be a delegate, commissioner, ambassador sent out on a mission or orders or commission and with the authority of the one who sent him.

Galatians 2:1- Then fourteen years after I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and took **Titus** with *me* also.

Galatians 2:3- But neither **Titus**, who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised: **standing on salvation alone**

✓ 6. A MAN OF ACTION

2 Timothy 4:10

For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, **Titus** unto Dalmatia.

That is how the process of becoming happens. 1 Corinthians 15:58

III. Chuck Swindoll- I wouldn't be here now if I had quit.

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accords with godliness, in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began, but has in due time manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior; To Titus, a true son in our common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.”



WHAT ARE YOU BECOMING?