

A Reader's Guide to Discipleship©: Readings in the New Testament

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The sufficiency of the scriptures for all things pertaining to life and godliness
(II Tim 3:16)

Titus: foundations for a healthy church in an unhealthy society

I. The exclusiveness of the faith proclaimed by Paul 1:1-4

II. A strategy for establishing a healthy church 1:5-3:8

A. Appoint mature leaders 1:5-16

1. finding mature leaders 1:5-9
2. empowering the leaders to maintain the solid foundation of the truth in word and deed. 1:10-16

B. Shepherd the church in godliness 2:1-14

1. Sound doctrine is complimentary to godly behaviours 2:1-10
 - Old men 2:1
 - Old women 2:2-5
 - Young men 2:6-8
 - Servants 2:9-10
2. A proper view of God is the foundation for right living 2:11-14
 - our gracious God 2:11
 - our redeemer God 2:12-13
 - our jealous God makes us His people 2:14

C. Keep your focus on the goal of a changed life 2:15-3:11

1. Show patience and love towards the society (not tolerance) 2:15-3:3
2. Keep your focus on the kindness and love of God that has saved us from the old way of life by the power of the Spirit 3:4-6
3. This work of the Spirit has given us a new way of life (the quality of eternal life) 3:7-8
4. Silence deceivers 3:9-11

III. Concluding remarks 3:12-15