

"That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life."—3:7

BRIEF OUTLINE OF TITUS

Salutation. 1:1-4

1. Character Standards for Church Officers. Chapter 1.
2. Character Standards for Church Members. Chapter 2.
3. Good Works and Church Members. Chapter 3. Farewell and benediction. Chapter 3:12-15

Select and mark key verses for each chapter.

Note frequently recurring words.

Note mention of the Trinity, especially in 3:4-6.

Try memorizing the entire book.

January, 1956

Titus

MY COMMITTAL

1. I will try to read Titus through daily during January, 1956.
2. I will seek the help of the Holy Spirit and pray for others who read.

Signed _____

MY RECORD

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Circle each day you read

Total times read _____

Total verses memorized _____

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"All that are with me salute thee. Greet them that love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen."—3:15

"God hath in due times manifested His word through preaching, which is committed unto me, according to the commandment of God our Saviour"—1:5

BIBLE MASTERY MONTH

JANUARY, 1956

Titus, the Letter of Christian Character Standards.

"All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing forward or perverse in them.

"They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.

"Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold."

—Proverbs 8:8-10

The Bible Mastery Plan is simply repeated reading through at one reading of a selected Bible book, not books about the Bible but the Bible itself. Each Bible book has its own theme, the separate parts take on new meaning in the light of the whole. The Book has a personal message for you that the Book alone can give. A Bible reading should not be a snapshot but a time exposure.

Titus is the book selected by Synod's Evangelistic Committee for the fourth annual Bible Mastery Month, which is **January, 1956**. Paul, the writer, is ever the apostle of faith. His purpose was, not only to win men to Christ and establish them in churches, but "to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." (Eph. 6:4).

The Epistle to Titus was written by Paul to his helper Titus whom he had left in charge of the new churches on the island of Crete. It is rich in allusions to the Word, to Salvation, to Christian living and in directions for the government and guidance of the church. Verses such as 2:11-14; 3:5, and others should be "gotten by heart."

It takes only six minutes to read Titus through. Few will say that is too much time to give to receiving a spiritual blessing. Some will read it a hundred times. Some will commit the whole.

"Holding fast the faithful word, as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers."—1:9

"Unto the pure all things are pure; but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled."—1:15

The Bible Mastery Method.

"Read; Re-read; Repeat the Reading. We wish to insist upon the method. First—read it. Second—read it again. Third—repeat the readings as frequently as possible. Read until He has typed the text into your mind. It is the road to the only worthwhile originality in bible study."—Norman B. Harrison, D.D.

"The surprise of Scripture will often come in a very natural way by frequent readings. Experience proves that the simplest of all ways of studying Scripture is to read, and to read again and again. Select . . . a book of the Bible and practice upon it by many repetitions, until its song has become the song of the heart. This only is justice to the Word of God."—Whittaker Work, D.D.

How to Read: 1. Read Continuously. Pass up difficulties at first. 2. Read Repeatedly. 3. Read Independently. No commentaries at first. 4. Read Prayerfully, in conscious dependence on the Holy Spirit.

Synod's Committee on Evangelism sponsors this Bible Mastery Month. For easy reading, and for carrying in your pocket or your purse, the Committee suggests that **Two Penny Portions of the New Testament containing Titus** be ordered from your nearest American Bible Society headquarters in quantities sufficient for every reader.

There were Bible Mastery readers last year in 47 states, 5 provinces of Canada, 14 foreign lands, and over 41 denominations. Bible Mastery month began in 1930 in Seattle, Washington, and is still promoted there during the month of October by the Presbyterian presbytery.

Said the editor of a widely read Christian magazine, "I am glad that anything that we have done has helped in the promotion of Bible Mastery month, for I sincerely believe in it with all my heart."

"Speak thou the things which become sound doctrine."—2:1

"In all things show thyself a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, sound speech, that cannot be condemned."—2:7, 8a.

The Pastor's Opportunity

The highest privilege of any preacher is to pass out God's truth in large chunks by exposition. It takes humility. One feels he is preaching sermons not his own nor any man's. It is a holy thing thus to handle things "which entered not into the mind of man," things profound and unsearchably rich.

There seems to be a tide setting toward the churches. What will we do for these people and what with those who are seeking bedrock security? Shall we offer them our "brilliance" or that of the smartest of men? It cannot meet their need.

Formal exegesis cannot meet the need. Only when your own life is saturated by repeated reading can you be ready or fitted to pass these truths on. Read Titus 100 times and you will be under exceeding great pressure to deliver them.

The cry is for more expository preaching. It is a marvelous privilege to expose thus the Lord's teaching, or open these great themes to topical preaching.

"I do not wonder that so-called modernist preachers show little interest in getting their people to be Bible readers; but what puzzles me is that our conservative preachers show so little interest in getting their people to read the Bible for themselves." Halley. It is thrilling to open the Word to people already interested by their own reading.

Ministers are challenged by this method: 1. Read Titus through beforehand 50 to 100 times. (Campbell Morgan's method.) 2. Organize Prayer. 3. Promote a Canvass of constituents and community. 4. Give your people simple expositions. 5. Follow up Evangelistically.

We seek your prayers, participation and your support. "Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God."

"The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us, that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and godly, in this present world."—2:11, 12