

# “Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

## Titus Bible Study — Titus 1:12-16 & 2:1-5

## Lesson #2

\*\*INSTRUCTIONS: Read the entire section of Scripture in Titus before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God’s word. Most Scriptures used are from the New King James Version.

12-14 One of them, a prophet of their own, said, “Cretans are **always LIARS, evil beasts, LAZY gluttons.**” This testimony is true. Therefore **REBUKE them SHARPLY, that they may be SOUND in the FAITH,** not giving heed to Jewish FABLES and COMMANDMENTS if MEN who TURN from the TRUTH.

• **Philippians 3:17-19** “Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. For many \_\_\_\_\_, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even \_\_\_\_\_, that they are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_; whose \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_, whose \_\_\_\_\_ is their \_\_\_\_\_, and whose glory is in their \_\_\_\_\_ – who set their mind on \_\_\_\_\_ things.”

• **Proverbs 13:4** “The soul of a \_\_\_\_\_, and has \_\_\_\_\_; but the soul of the diligent shall be made rich.”

• **Proverbs 15:19** “The way of the \_\_\_\_\_ man is like a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, but the way of the upright (righteous) is a highway.”

• **Proverbs 21:25** “The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ kills him, for his hands \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “Always LIARS, evil beasts, LAZY Gluttons”** – LIARS doesn’t need any explanation, as we all know what that is. For **being LAZY, in the Bible, the words “slothful” and “sluggard”** are often used, especially in the Old King James Version. In Titus 1:12 the terms **“evil beasts and LAZY gluttons”** means **people who act like animals in that their fleshly desires and appetites RULE their lives.** “Whose god is their belly” in Philippians 3:17-19 means the same thing, **“physical, fleshly appetites” are what they put first place in their lives, so it is like a god.** People make many things their “gods” or “idols” — IDOLATRY doesn’t have to be worshiping STATUES, it can be putting ANYTHING ahead of God in our lives. Anything or ANY PERSON in our lives that takes away from **our devotion to God** can become an IDOL. **“Whose END is DESTRUCTION”** simply means that to live your life ONLY for FLESHLY appetites will usually lead to an early PHYSICAL DEATH. You can kill yourself with alcohol, you can die of diseases caused by being severely overweight, you can die an early death from drugs, you can die an early death from sexually transmitted diseases, etc. God wants to protect us and deliver us from these destructive things.

• **Exodus 20:2-3** “I am the \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_ before (besides) \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **I John 5:19-21** “We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding, in order that we might \_\_\_\_\_ who is true, and we are in \_\_\_\_\_ who is \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ. This is the \_\_\_\_\_ and eternal life. Little children, \_\_\_\_\_ yourselves from \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Galatians 6:7-8** “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that will he also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap \_\_\_\_\_; but he who sows to the \_\_\_\_\_ shall from the Spirit reap eternal life.”

• **Romans 6:12-13** “Do not \_\_\_\_\_ sin reign (have control) in your mortal body, that you should \_\_\_\_\_ it in its desires. And do not \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_”

as instruments of unrighteousness unto \_\_\_\_\_, but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.”

• **Romans 8:5-7** “For those who \_\_\_\_\_ according to the \_\_\_\_\_ set their minds on the things of the \_\_\_\_\_, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the \_\_\_\_\_. For to be \_\_\_\_\_ minded is \_\_\_\_\_, but to be Spiritually minded is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Because the \_\_\_\_\_ mind is \_\_\_\_\_ against God; for it is not subject to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, nor indeed can be.”

• **Proverbs 26:16** “The \_\_\_\_\_ is wiser in his \_\_\_\_\_ than seven men who can answer \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “REBUKE them SHARPLY, that they may be SOUND in the FAITH”** – Is Paul just being tough on the believers in Crete? No, **he is just using them as an example of what can happen to anyone.** In Twelve Step language, these things: lying, laziness, gluttony, etc. would be called CHARACTER DEFECTS or SHORTCOMINGS. They are **bad habits many of us picked up and practiced for many years before we became Christians**, and if we’re not careful, we can carry them over into our Christian life. **God’s word actually calls all of these things SINS**, so we do need to deal with them and root them out of our lives as Believers, and that’s why Paul says to **“REBUKE them SHARPLY.”**

• **II Corinthians 13:10** “Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use \_\_\_\_\_, according to the \_\_\_\_\_ which the \_\_\_\_\_ has given me for \_\_\_\_\_ and not for destruction.”

15-16 To the pure all things are pure, but **to those who are DEFILED and UNBELIEVING nothing is PURE**; but even **their mind and CONSCIENCE are DEFILED**. They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.

• **Philippians 4:8** “Finally, brethren, whatever things are \_\_\_\_\_, whatever things are noble, whatever things are \_\_\_\_\_, whatever things are \_\_\_\_\_, whatever things are of \_\_\_\_\_ report, if there is any \_\_\_\_\_ and if there is anything \_\_\_\_\_ – meditate on these things.”

• **Psalms 19:7-10** “The law of the Lord is \_\_\_\_\_, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is \_\_\_\_\_, making wise the simple; the statutes of the Lord are \_\_\_\_\_, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is \_\_\_\_\_, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is \_\_\_\_\_, enduring forever; the judgments of the Lord are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ altogether. More to be desired are they than \_\_\_\_\_, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than \_\_\_\_\_ and the honeycomb.”

• **Hebrews 9:14** “How much more shall the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge (cleanse) your \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ works to serve the living God?”

**Definition: “DEAD WORKS”** – **DEAD WORKS** are **religious works** or **good deeds** done in the **power of the flesh**, and a person who is operating in their FLESH, and not in FAITH and the power of the Holy Spirit, **CANNOT** do ANYTHING that will be pleasing to God (Romans 8:8). **Before we are born again by faith in Jesus Christ, we are all DEAD in our sins, and all our works are DEAD works.** This is why there is no salvation apart from Jesus Christ, because it is NOT the keeping of laws, commandments, rules, ordinances, or ANY OUTWARD CONDUCT that makes a person RIGHTEOUS. There must be an **INWARD CHANGE, a NEW BIRTH, a CREATION by GOD** of a completely NEW PERSON, for someone to be a part of His Kingdom (John 3:3, Ephesians 2:4-9). **God will NOT accept an UNBELIEVING person’s good deeds or good works**, and that is why Verse 16 says they are **“disqualified for every good work.”**

• **Hebrews 6:1** “Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, \_\_\_\_\_ laying again the foundation of repentance from \_\_\_\_\_ and of \_\_\_\_\_ toward \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “To those who are DEFILED and UNBELIEVING nothing is PURE”** – Have you ever known someone who always imagined a negative motive for everything someone did, or always thought something dirty about everyone? You may have said to them, “Get your mind out of the gutter!” **Their minds are so filled with their own SIN and DIRTY, EVIL, improper motives, they just can’t believe someone would have a PURE motive for doing something GOOD.**

• **Matthew 9:4** “But \_\_\_\_\_, knowing their \_\_\_\_\_, said, ‘Why do you think \_\_\_\_\_ in your \_\_\_\_\_?’”

• **Matthew 12:34-37** “Brood of vipers! How can you, being \_\_\_\_\_ speak good things? For out of the abundance of the \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ speaks. A good man out of the \_\_\_\_\_ of his heart brings forth good things, and an \_\_\_\_\_ man out of the \_\_\_\_\_ brings forth \_\_\_\_\_ things. But I say to you that for \_\_\_\_\_ idle \_\_\_\_\_ men may speak, they will give \_\_\_\_\_ of it in the day of \_\_\_\_\_. For by your \_\_\_\_\_ you will be justified, and by your \_\_\_\_\_ you will be condemned.”

**Definition: “Their mind and CONSCIENCE are DEFILED”** – **DEFILED** means dirty or filthy. Every person, saved or unsaved, has a conscience that gives them a knowledge of right and wrong, and produces guilt when violated. It is a built-in warning system from God, but **it can become desensitized or DEFILED.** When a person violates his conscience enough times, it eventually becomes scarred, or seared (I Timothy 4:2) and that person no longer feels any guilt, **their CONSCIENCE is DEFILED.** Those described in Ephesians 4:19 as **“being past FEELING,** and have given themselves over to licentiousness (no moral restraint), to work all uncleanness with greediness,” are people who **no longer feel their conscience,** and they have no remorse (feeling sorry) for doing wrong.

• **I Timothy 4:1-2** “...some will \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_, giving heed to \_\_\_\_\_ spirits and doctrines of \_\_\_\_\_, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own \_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_ iron.”

• **John 8:8-9** “And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. Then those who heard it, being \_\_\_\_\_ by their \_\_\_\_\_, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.”

• **Mark 7:20-23** “And He said, ‘What comes out of a man, that \_\_\_\_\_ a man. For from within, out of the \_\_\_\_\_ of men, proceed \_\_\_\_\_ thoughts, adulteries, fornications, an \_\_\_\_\_ eye, blasphemy, pride, \_\_\_\_\_. All these \_\_\_\_\_ things come from within and \_\_\_\_\_ a man.’”

## Chapter 2

1-5 But as for you, **speak the things which are proper for SOUND DOCTRINE:** that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience; the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things – that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, **OBEDIENT to their OWN HUSBANDS,** that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

• **Colossians 3:18** “Wives, \_\_\_\_\_ to your own \_\_\_\_\_, as is fitting in the \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Ephesians 5:24** “Therefore, \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, so let the \_\_\_\_\_ be to their \_\_\_\_\_”

\_\_\_\_\_ in everything.”

**Definition: “SUBMISSIVE or SUBMITTING”** — Being HUMBLE or compliant; YIELDING to the authority or control of another — **the opposite of REBELLIOUS.**

• **Ephesians 1:22-23** “And has put all things under His feet, and gave Him (Jesus) to be the \_\_\_\_\_ over all things to the \_\_\_\_\_, which is His \_\_\_\_\_, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”

• **I Peter 3:1** “Likewise you \_\_\_\_\_, be \_\_\_\_\_ to your own husbands, that even if some (husbands) do not \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, they, without a word (without arguing or preaching) may be won by the \_\_\_\_\_ of their wives.”

**Definition: “OBEDIENT to their OWN HUSBANDS”** – Ouch! In this day and age of “women’s liberation” do we still have to keep this commandment? Well, the answer is “yes” and it’s because God only gives us commandments for OUR OWN GOOD. **The wives can still be EQUAL PARTNERS with their husbands**, but when it comes down to the crunch in a disagreement, the husband should have the last word, and the wife should obey her husband and go along with his decision. And ultimately it all boils down to **“doing all things as unto the Lord,”** because Ephesians 5:24 says “As the church is subject to Christ,” this is how the wife is to obey her husband, and **if the husband is OBEYING the Lord and loving his wife “AS Christ loves the church,”** this won’t be a problem.

• **Ephesians 5:33** “Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so \_\_\_\_\_ his own \_\_\_\_\_ as himself, and let the \_\_\_\_\_ see that she \_\_\_\_\_ her \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Romans 13:8-10** “Owe no one anything except to \_\_\_\_\_ one another, for he who \_\_\_\_\_ another (including his wife) has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, ‘You shall not \_\_\_\_\_, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not bear \_\_\_\_\_, You shall not \_\_\_\_\_, and if there is any other commandment, are all \_\_\_\_\_ in this saying, namely, ‘You shall \_\_\_\_\_ your neighbor as yourself.’”

• **Proverbs 31:10-12** “Who can find a virtuous woman? For her worth is far above rubies. The heart of her \_\_\_\_\_ safely \_\_\_\_\_ in her; so he will have no lack of gain. She does him \_\_\_\_\_ and not \_\_\_\_\_ all the days of her life.”

• **Proverbs 18:22** “He who finds a \_\_\_\_\_ finds a \_\_\_\_\_ thing, and obtains \_\_\_\_\_ from the Lord.”

• **Proverbs 12:4** “An excellent \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of her \_\_\_\_\_, but she who causes \_\_\_\_\_ is like \_\_\_\_\_ in the bones.”

**Definition: “Speak the things which are proper for SOUND DOCTRINE”** – Sound doctrine means **TEACHING that is IN LINE WITH God’s word**, not just what people would like to hear. Having “itching ears” means **people only want preachers who tell them what they want to hear**; they DON’T want to hear about their SIN. In I Timothy 1:10, Paul lists some things (SINS) that are **CONTRARY or AGAINST sound doctrine.**

• **I Timothy 1:10** “For fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **II Timothy 4:3** “For the time will come when they will \_\_\_\_\_ endure \_\_\_\_\_, but according to their \_\_\_\_\_, because they have \_\_\_\_\_, they will heap up for themselves teachers.”