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1 Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Christ Jesus, for the faith of God's elect, and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness,<sup>2</sup> in hope of everlasting life, which God, who cannot lie, promised from the most ancient times,<sup>3</sup> but in his own seasons manifested his word through the preaching with which I was intrusted by the commandment of God our Saviour:<sup>4</sup> to Titus, true child after the common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Saviour.<sup>5</sup> For this cause I left thee behind in Crete, that thou shouldst set in order the things that are wanting, and appoint elders in every city, as I directed thee;<sup>6</sup> if any one is without reproach, the husband of one wife, having believing children, that are not accused of dissoluteness, or unruly.<sup>7</sup> For a bishop must be without reproach, as God's steward; not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, not a striker, not greedy of base gain,<sup>8</sup> but hospitable, a lover of what is good, discreet, just, holy, temperate,<sup>9</sup> holding fast the sure word according to what he was taught, that he may be able by sound teaching both to exhort, and to refute the gainsayers.<sup>10</sup> For there are many unruly vain talkers and deceivers, especially they of the circumcision;<sup>11</sup> whose mouths must be stopped, since they overturn whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for the sake of base gain.<sup>12</sup> One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said: "The Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, slothful gluttons."<sup>13</sup> This testimony is true; for which cause rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith,<sup>14</sup> not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men who turn away from the truth.<sup>15</sup> To the pure all things are pure; but to the defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure, but both their mind and conscience are defiled.<sup>16</sup> They profess that they know God, but by their works they deny him, being abominable and disobedient, and for every good work reprobate.

2 But do thou speak the things which become sound teaching;<sup>2</sup> that aged men be sober, grave, discreet, sound in faith, in love, in patience;<sup>3</sup> that aged women likewise be in behavior as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not enslaved to much wine, teachers of what is good,<sup>4</sup> that they may teach the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,<sup>5</sup> to be discreet, chaste, workers at home, good, in subjection to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.<sup>6</sup> The younger men likewise exhort to be sober-minded;<sup>7</sup> in all things showing thyself a pattern of good works, in teaching showing uncorruptness, gravity,<sup>8</sup> sound speech that cannot be condemned; that he that is opposed to us may be put to shame, having no evil thing to say of us.<sup>9</sup> Exhort bond-servants to be in subjection to their own masters, in all things to be well-pleasing to them,<sup>10</sup> not contradicting, not purloining, but showing all good faith; that they may adorn the teaching of