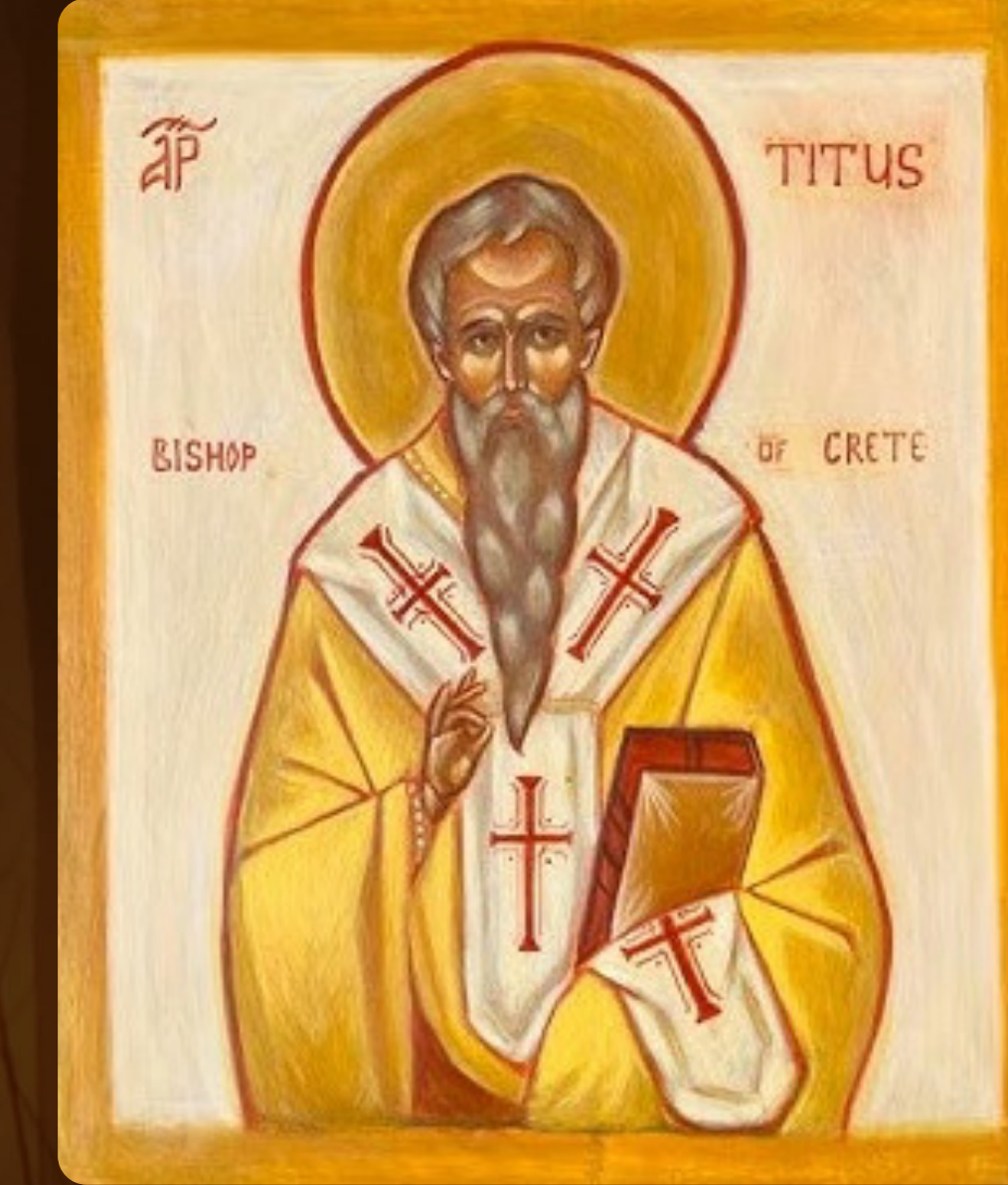




Titus 2

A Church of Good Doctrine

The book of Titus is a
“Pastoral Epistle”
from Apostle Paul to his
disciple, Titus, who he
had left in Crete to
appoint elders and
build up the church.



TITUS 1 A Church of **Good Order**

Titus 1:1-4 • What it takes to be godly

Titus 1:5-9 • What it takes to be a godly leader

Titus 1:10-16 • Why we need godly leaders



JOURNEY OF A DISCIPLE



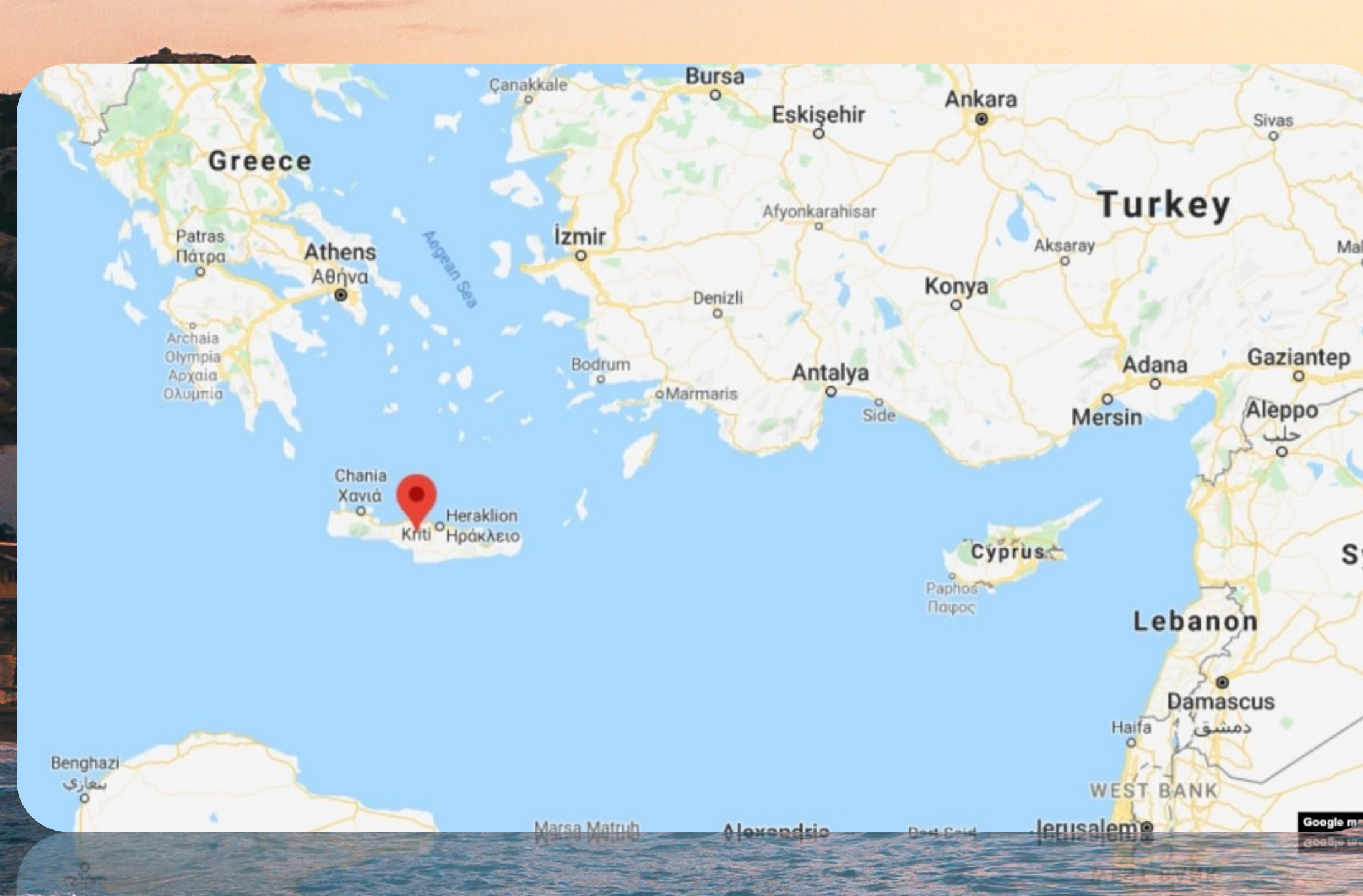
Bible Word Stats

Book	Word Count	Unique Words	Most Used Word	Longest Word
Titus	1,005	383	good 8	controversies ¹³ 1

TITUS 1 A Church of **Good Order**

TITUS 2 A Church of **Good Doctrine**

TITUS 3 A Church of **Good Deeds**



A scenic view of a coastal town, likely in Crete, with a large hill in the background. The town is built on a slope, and the sea is visible in the foreground. The sky is clear and blue.

One of Crete's own prophets has said it:

“Cretans are always liars, evil brutes, lazy gluttons.”

Titus 1:12, quoting Epimenides, a seventh-century BC poet, prophet and native Cretan

“Cretans had a reputation for **lacking ethical principles**,
stealing, and harbouring robbers and pirates.”

William D Mounce, Pastoral Epistles, Word Biblical Commentary

“Cretans by their ingrained **greed and avarice**
are engaged in countless public and private seditions,
murders and civil wars ... Crete is **steeped in treachery.**”

Second-century BC historian Polybius

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What is “sound/good doctrine”?

“A doctrine is a set of beliefs. The word comes from Latin for ‘teacher’, so think of a doctrine as the teachings of a school, religion, or political group.”
VOCABULARY.COM

There can be **good** teaching and **bad** teaching. Good teaching is true to the Word and to the Author’s intent.

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The proof of good doctrine is in our Godly living.

James 1:22. Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. **Do what it says.**

James 2:14, 17. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? ... **Faith without deeds is dead!**

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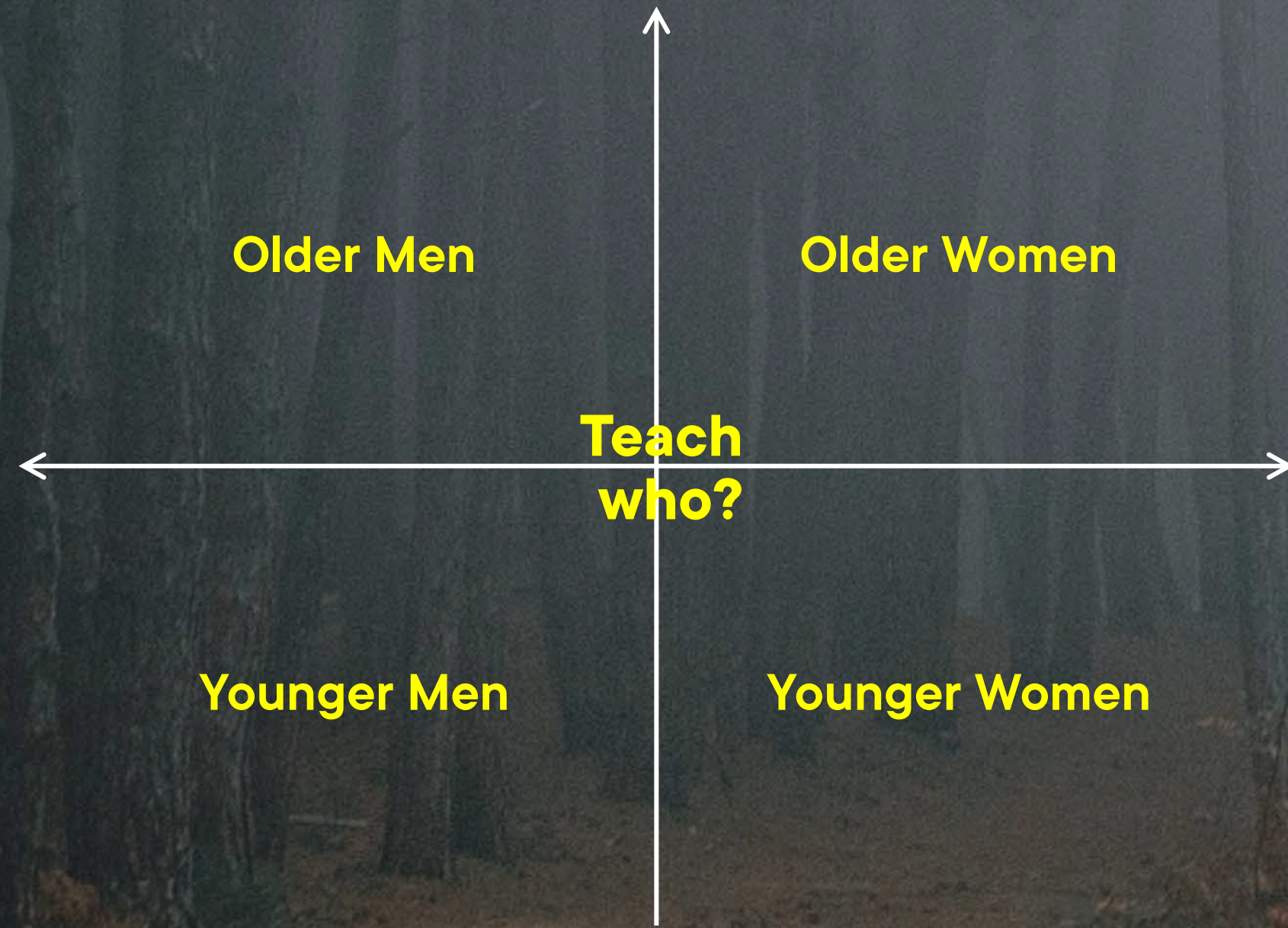
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Why? Because it contradicts other passages in Scripture.

*1 Cor 7:8-9 “Now to the unmarried and the widows I say:
It is good for them to stay unmarried, as I do.
But if they cannot control themselves, they should marry, for it is better to marry than to burn with passion.”*

Scripture is clear – some will be called to singlehood, and it is a good path if it is God’s call for you!

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But for those who ARE married, don't be like the Cretans.

Homemakers should not be an "idler, a busybody who talks nonsense" (1 Tim 5:13). Be healthily occupied at home.

Wives should love and submit to their husband (Eph 5:22).

Married women should desire to have kids if God allows.
"Has not the one God made you? You belong to him in body and spirit. And what does the one God seek? Godly offspring" (Mal 2:15)

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servant -s [KJV]

a slave, one bound to serve (from δέω (*deō* 1210) to bind) one whose will and capacities are wholly at the service of another (opposite to ἐλεύθερος (*eleutheros* 1658), free). δοῦλος (*doulos* 1401) is used of the lowest scale of servitude, but when transferred to Christian service it expresses the highest devotion of one who is bound by love.

(a) with Θεοῦ (*Theou*) of God, or χριστοῦ (*christou*) of Christ, etc.

(b) Adjective, serving, bound to serve, in bondage. [Reference\(s\)](#)

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Paul in 1 Thessalonians:

- You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed ...
- You know we never used flattery, or put on a mask to cover up greed ...
- For you remember, brothers, our labour and toil ...
- For you know how we dealt with you as a father deals with his children ...

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Paul to the Elders of Ephesus in Acts 20:

- You know how I lived the whole time I was with you ...
- You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house.
- You yourselves know these hands of mine have supplied my own needs ...
- In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak.



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Phil 2:14-15. Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation”. **Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky ...**

Matt 5:16. Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and **glorify your Father in heaven.**

A wide-angle landscape photograph of a mountain range at dawn or dusk. The sky is a mix of soft orange, pink, and grey tones, with wispy clouds. The mountains are silhouetted against the light sky, with some peaks appearing more distinct than others. The foreground shows a dense forest of evergreen trees, partially shrouded in mist or low-lying clouds. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

How you live should guide others to salvation.

Titus 2:11-15

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Jesus died for our **SALVATION**
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For **by grace** you have been **saved through faith**,
and that not of yourselves; **it is the gift of God, not of works**,
lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

EPHESIANS 2:8-10

SALVATION is about how He died for us.
SANCTIFICATION is about how we live for Him!

... A church living out sound doctrine



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TITUS 1:2

The hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie,
promised before the beginning of time ...

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TITUS 3:7

Having been justified by (the grace of Jesus Christ our Saviour),
we might become heirs having **the hope of eternal life** ...

ROMANS 15:13

May the God of **hope** fill you
with all joy and peace as you trust in him,
so that you may **overflow with hope**
by the power of the Holy Spirit.