



BIBLE STUDY

INSPIRED BY TITUS 1

AUTHOR STUDY OF: PAUL

Who is Paul?

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“Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ to further the faith of God’s elect and their knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness”



How does Paul refer to himself? Where does Paul’s identity come from?

Why is this significant?

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Apostle: one sent on a mission, a person who initiates a great moral reform or who first advocates an important belief or system

Merriam-Webster Dictionary Definition



Reading: Read Titus 1 & Take notes below:

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*To further the faith of God's Elect and their knowledge of the truth
that leads to Godliness*

Excerpt From Titus 1:2 (NIV)

Paul is setting out to share knowledge and truth to bring about Godliness. What key points of knowledge and truth does Paul share in Titus 1 ?

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How would implementing his Titus 1 teaching lead to Godliness?

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Godliness: the quality or practice of a life that reflects reverence, obedience, and dedication to God.



Living in a way that honors and reflects the character of God, including traits such as humility, righteousness, love, integrity, and spiritual discipline.

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SELF REFLECTION

“Paul, a servant of God
and an apostle of Jesus
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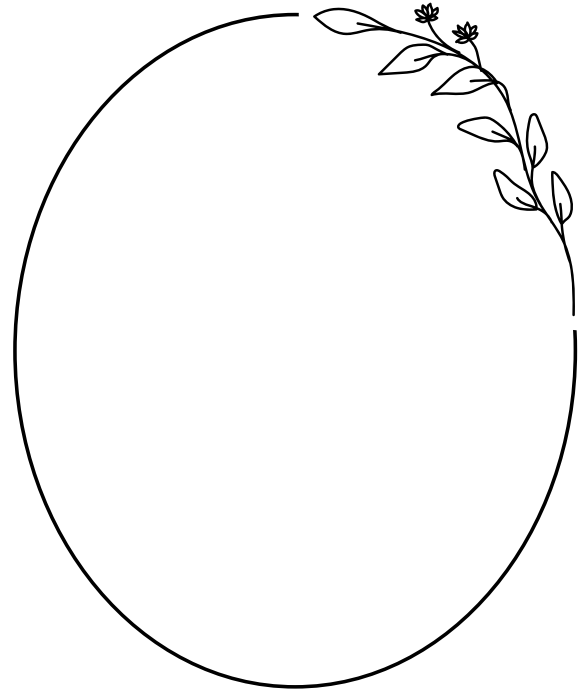
In what ways are you serving God?
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Assess your life this week. What actions reflected
someone serving God? What aspects need refocusing?
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Assess your life this week. What aspects do not reflect
someone serving God and need refocusing?
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Use the space above to illustrate your favorite
key aspects of your identity in Christ. Use words,
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Who is Paul?

Paul was once 'Saul of Tarsus, a former pharisee and persecutor of Christians, who had a radical encounter with Jesus that transformed him into a Christ Follower. Paul then dedicated his life to spreading the gospel and he is the author of many letters in the New Testament.

“Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ to further the faith of God’s elect and their knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness”



How does Paul refer to himself? Where does Paul’s identity come from?

Why is this significant?

Paul refers to himself as 'a servant of God'. This is interesting because we see Paul as an honored leader of our faith, but he saw himself as a servant.

His identity comes from his relationship to God. In this instance, his identity is rooted in serving God.

“We are all servants. The only question is whom we will serve.”

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What is Paul identifying as his purpose here?

Paul states that his purpose is to further the faith of God’s elect and their knowledge of the truth that leads to Godliness”

1. Further the faith of God’s elect
2. Further the knowledge of truth
3. Lead God’s elect to Godliness



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*An elder must be blameless faithful to his wife a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient.
An overseer manages God's Household (Reminds me of the parable of the talents - managing God's resources)
Not overbearing, not quick tempered, drunk, violent, dishonest gain
Must love what is good, be self controlled, upright & holy*

To further the faith of God's Elect and their knowledge of the truth that leads to Godliness

Excerpt From Titus 1:2 (NIV)

Paul is setting out to share knowledge and truth to bring about Godliness. What key points of knowledge and truth does Paul share in Titus 1 ?

Paul discusses criteria for leadership that includes being blameless, faithful, and a good parent (as reflected in the children's behavior). He explains one must be hospitable, love what is good, be self controlled, upright and holy. He emphasizes discipline.

He discusses rebuking what is wrong and is direct about wrong including tempers, drunkenness, violence, meaningless talk & deception.

How would implementing his Titus 1 teaching lead to Godliness?

If everything Paul instructed was followed, the church leadership would have been strong in character. Having strong leadership would have strengthened the church as a whole. The followers would have good examples to look up to. People would be safer, happier and the entire community would begin to prosper.

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In what ways are you serving God?

I am serving God through my work as a social worker, and will soon be serving God by providing study guides for the Bible for women and children.

I try to also serve God by being kind to others in every day life- being patient with overwhelmed workers,, having grace for others when they make mistakes.

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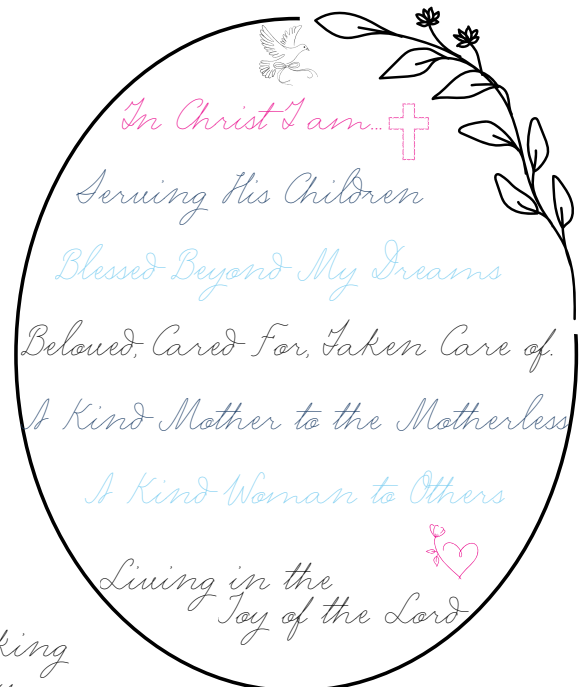
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Assess your life this week. What actions reflected someone serving God? What aspects need refocusing?

This week my actions around going the extra mile with the foster kids reflected someone serving God. I took 2 boys on a special outing to the pool because they do not have parents to visit them. Their mother passed away, and their father signed his rights away. I spent all afternoon swimming with them and making sure they had a lovely day. They were so happy and full of joy!

Assess your life this week. What aspects do not reflect someone serving God and need refocusing?

This week I have not been diligent in tracking my spending and business expenses for my taxes. I need to refocus on stewarding the blessings God has given me.



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