



1. Who is the writer and/or speaker ?
2. When was it written and/or said ?
3. To whom was it written and/or spoken ?
4. What are the major natural divisions ?
5. What is the repeated key word ?
6. What simple sentence sums it all up ?
7. What is an application to my life today ?

The book of Titus

1. **The writer** : Paul, the apostle (1:1) had brought Titus to the Lord (1:4) and discipled him to serve the Lord (1:5). Paul had the spiritual gift required to be a missionary (Ep4:11). He was a true sent servant (Jn13:16). He was sent to the "gentile" nations, rather than Israel (Ep3:8 & Ga2:8). He went to the pagan island of Crete (1:5) but, left Titus to finish the work. So he was a true "apostle" because the spiritual gift was not limited to the first "twelve" (of whom one is in Hell today ! Cf Jn17:12) because we read of many other apostles (Ac14:4, 14, 1Cor15:7, Ga1:1 & 17).
2. **The date** : It seems this was written between the 1st letter to Timothy and the 2nd, the latter being written in 62 AD. Paul is probably in Macedonia (3:12) after evangelizing Crete (1:5) and is on his way to Rome as a prisoner (Ac27:7-11 & 21) in 59 AD. Paul had enough freedom and time to write (Ac27:3). But, he had to leave Titus in Crete when the centurion took him off to Rome (Ac27:9 & 12-13). Paul was released from Rome in 61 AD.
3. **The readers** : Titus, of Greek origin (Ga2:3), had been led to the Lord by Paul (1:4). He often accompanied Paul (Ga2:1, 2Cor2:12, 7:6-7 & 13-17). Paul had often sent him on a mission (2Cor8:6, 18, 23, 12:18, 2Tim4:10) because he had the heart for it (2Cor8:16). He seems to be a young man (2:6-7).
4. **The natural divisions** : Four wishes of Paul -
 - 1:1-4 That the grace and peace of the Lord...
 - 1:5-16 That you would set in order...
 - 2:1-15 That no one despise you...
 - 3:1-15 That they would practice...
5. **The key repeated words** : "That" + a verb in the subjunctive, 18x
6. **The message** : "that you would set in order what remains" (1:5)
7. **The application** : Every Christian assembly of believers (church) needs to follow the New Testament biblical order, being led by qualified "elders" well recognized by all.
[Notice how this is a very personal letter (1:5) but, to be read by all (3:15).]