

# SHiNE Titus 1:1-4 Notes 9/24/15

**6:35- 6:55** WORSHIP (20 min.)

**6:55-** Into. Pastor Steve, he shares and prays

**7:10** - I hear that many of you are bring your teens to youth group, while you're here SHiNNiNG with us, that's GREAT, how convenient!

-Next week you will get to hear a Jan Inman's testimony "Nugget"!

-Also we need to gather a SHiNE Set Team to help with moving the tables and chairs each week, if you are interested would you talk to Jan or I after class?

## **7:15 – Teaching**

**7:45** – D Groups Read : Icebreaker; Titus 1:1-4 together as a group; Discuss the questions and applications, and Close in Prayer.

**8:15** – Fellowship or extended time in D groups.

\*How many of you desire to walk in a way that honors God?

-We all do don't we!?

-Sun. in Boiler Room, the Lord showed me this verse and I've always seen for unmarried men, never for saw it for married men! Pr. 19:14 "House and wealth are the inheritance from fathers, But a wise, understanding, *and* prudent wife is [a gift and blessing] from the LORD." AMP

"pru·dent- adj. Acting with or showing care and thought for the future." Google

-Isn't that why we're here?! Ladies I so respect you seeking the Lord and His designs for life. If you seek Him You Will Find Him! He will make His ways know to you!

-I'm praying God will help us to be wise, understanding prudent women and wives.

-Ladies, ONLY the LORD can do this work in our lives, our husband's can't!

-We daily need to renew our minds to align with His designs don't we?!

**Story:** Accidents happen! What if we are injured, but don't know it? How can it affect our lives?

-Over 2 ½ years ago Denny and I were in an auto accident... I went to 2 different chiropractors and Physical Therapist, but things just weren't right. As much as I tried to be ok, I wasn't and didn't know why!

\*Story about going to the Ophthalmologist (Dr. Michael Saxrude with Gleneagel Vision)

**\*MINDSETS: - Midline Shift.**

- It caused me to veer to the left when I walked, hit my knuckles on shelves, hard to park, it even affected my short term memory! I thought I was going crazy. The process of my left eye wasn't even connecting to the back of my brain!

-One Saturday morning Denny and I were laying in bed talking and The Lord showed me how our mindsets affect how we see, which affects how we walk out our lives.

-I began asking the Lord to reveal any mindsets in my life that I had believed, that had set themselves up against His design, these are mental strongholds, thought patterns and beliefs that set us against God's Word and good design for our lives.

Praise God, through a series of appointments over about 4 months with prism glasses, God has healed my midline shift!

\*How many times have we been wounded in the "accidents" of life, but are unaware of it, and it affects our mindsets, how we walk out our faith, marriage, family and friendships.

-Are you willing for the Holy Spirit to gently show you any "midline shifts", or mental strongholds and allow Him to renew your mind and thought processes with His Truth?

-Has anyone ever gotten your **neighbors mail** before?

-You probably weren't particularly interested in it, but if it had been sent from the White House, you might be really curious! Maybe even hold it up to the window with the sun light behind it! ;)

-But what if you received a letter addressed to YOU from the White House during the Regan Administration??? Would you be even more in awe, curious and inspired to open the letter???! You bet, it wouldn't take anytime for you to get that envelope open and see what was inside!

**STORY: That happened to me...a Letter from Laura Bush.**

That's how I read my Bible, it is a letter written to me by the President of my life, First Love, Creator, Friend, Protector, Provider and Guider; The ONE who delights in me and forgives me of all my sins!

As we go through the Bible, consider reading it as a letter written TO YOU, from the highest Office in the land, God, the President, Founder and CEO (Chief Executive Officer)!

-I Think to myself, "this book is to Titus & Christine", it's to you and me!

-Let's explore what God's heart is to Titus, so we can renew our minds and hearts with His design for our lives!

-As I read these verses to you, think about what biblical principles you see here, and how can we apply them to our lives?

## Read Titus 1:1-4

“This letter is from Paul, a slave of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ. I have been sent to proclaim faith to<sup>[a]</sup> those God has chosen and to teach them to know the truth that shows them how to live godly lives. <sup>2</sup>This truth gives them confidence that they have eternal life, which God—who does not lie—promised them before the world began. <sup>3</sup>And now at just the right time he has revealed this message, which we announce to everyone. It is by the command of God our Savior that I have been entrusted with this work for him.

<sup>4</sup>I am writing to Titus, my true son in the faith that we share.

May God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior give you grace and peace.” NLT

### Do we see ourselves as “slaves and apostles”?

\*I sense The Lord is calling us to consider seeing ourselves in the function of a slave & an apostle. Not the office of Apostle as Paul was, but one the Lord is sending to share His good news.

-This is not our identity, but it is our call! Our identity is in Christ, created in the image and likeness of God himself.

- We are His action figures, His hands and feet proclaiming His Truth through His Good News, in our lives.

-Leadership in our lives, starts like it does for Paul and Jesus; they both saw themselves as slaves of God & apostles of Jesus Christ!

- Did you know you are a leader, each one of you is leading someone somehow! How do you want to be led and how do you want to lead?

### \*Titus Intro (in the Message)

-We need our men leading the way in our marriages, families and church, but ladies we have our role in response to our men for walking out the Truth that leads to godliness!

-Let’s look at God’s patterns in how He works.

V1 This letter is from God through Paul to you and me!

Slave- Dulose Ex. 23. My will is secondary to God’s, He’s looking for those who are totally “sold out” to Him! When we sell out and humble ourselves to be a servant/slave to Him, then we’re in it for His heart and not His “stuff”.

-If we are a servant first, positions really don’t matter! We can be His child without being His servant!

**apostle**- means, sent one. Someone who believes in or supports an idea or cause, etc.

- *b* : an ardent supporter

? What are we supporting or even more importantly who are we supporting?!

- I've been sent (YOU'VE BEEN SENT) to strengthen the faith of those God has chosen and to teach them to KNOW the TRUTH that SHOWES them HOW to live godly lives.

- Ladies, that is those in our own HOMES, the most important MISSION field on earth!

We all want to know how to live a godly life don't we?!

V2 says: To have confidence toward eternal life that God promised before the world began.

- Do you believe God's Word is true, if not you can't have confidence in God's promises to you. Why? --If we don't believe all His Word is true, then we are deciding which parts are true and which parts aren't. Then who does that make us...?

\*Do we believe 2 Tim. 3:15-17 or not?

-If we do, we have faith in God, if we don't we have more faith in our opinion than in God's!

<sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings (Hebrew Scriptures) which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus [surrendering your entire self to Him and having absolute confidence in His wisdom, power and goodness]. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed [given by divine inspiration] and is profitable for instruction, for conviction [of sin], for correction [of error and restoration to obedience], for training in righteousness [learning to live in conformity to God's will, both publicly and privately—behaving honorably with personal integrity and moral courage]; <sup>17</sup> so that the <sup>[a]</sup> man of God may be complete *and* proficient, outfitted *and* thoroughly equipped for every good work." AMP

Titus **V.3 At just the right time He has revealed this message.** God's timing is perfect for you and for me, are we aware of what He's doing?

### Stories: IN BIG ways

A few days before the last Road Shindig I had shared with Liz about someone I know that was dealing with PTSD and she said she knew someone who specialized in helping people with that. I didn't give it another thought until at the last Shindig both of these people were miraculously there! They both had planned to be somewhere else and ended up there. The PTSD Specialist really ministered to the person with PTSD, and started a big recovery process that's been needed for years!

### AND in little ways

Denny and I went to Lake Dillon to celebrate our 30 Anniversary, and at the Red Buffalo Coffee shop in Silverthorne 2 mornings in a row God saved a bench by the river for us. We read our PBJ, EX. 20 & 21 and God even threw in fly fishermen for us to watch each morning. We made a memory there and will probably beat a path to the banks of the river by that little coffee shop again and again!

God orchestrates divine appointments with people all the time, on the road or at stores. Pray for divine appointments, ask the Lord to lead you in His timing, life gets really exciting and lots of fun that way!

Grace & Peace are like bookends for our soul. If we will focus on the Lord in every situation He will give us grace and peace and our souls will not fall down, or worse yet off the shelf! ;)

**v4 Grace- God's Riches At Christ's Expense** (Webster's Dictionary 1828 - Online Edition)

**GRACE**, *noun* [Latin gratia, which is formed on the Celtic; Eng. agree, congruous, and ready. The primary sense of gratus, is free, ready, quick, willing, prompt, from advancing.]

1. Favor; good will; kindness; disposition to oblige another; as a grant made as an act of *grace*
2. Appropriately, the free unmerited love and favor of God, the spring and source of all the benefits men receive from him.

And if by *grace* then it is no more of works. **Romans 11:5.**"

**PEACE** - Noah Webster 1828 Dictionary

**\*1. In a general sense, a state of quiet or tranquillity; freedom from disturbance or agitation; applicable to society, to individuals, or to the temper of the mind.**

**\*3. Freedom from internal commotion or civil war.**

4. Freedom from private quarrels, suits or disturbance.

**\*5. Freedom from agitation or disturbance by the passions, as from fear, terror, anger, anxiety or the like; quietness of mind; tranquillity; calmness; quiet of conscience.**

Great *peace* have they that love the law. Psalms 119:165.

6. Heavenly rest; the happiness of heaven.

7. Harmony; concord; a state of reconciliation between parties at variance.

This word is used in commanding silence or quiet; as, *peace* to this troubled soul.

To be at *peace* to be reconciled; to live in harmony. "WITH GOD'S TRUTH & DESIGN" CRH

To make *peace* to reconcile, as parties at variance.

To hold the *peace* to be silent; to suppress one's thoughts; not to speak.

\*From Merriam Webster Dictionary

Like the Israelites in Ex. 23:20-33,

-When we stick to the basics of God's designs for our thoughts and patterns in life then He can protect, guide and provide for us.

## A Promise of the LORD's Presence

Ex. 23: 20 "See, I am sending an angel before you to protect you on your journey and lead you safely to the place I have prepared for you. 21 Pay close attention to him, and obey his instructions. Do not rebel against him, for he is my representative, and he will not forgive your rebellion. 22 But if you are careful to obey him, following all my instructions, then I will be an enemy to your enemies, and I will oppose those who oppose you. 23 For my angel will go before you and bring you into the land of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hivites, and Jebusites, so you may live there. And I will destroy them completely. 24 You must not worship the gods of these nations or serve them in any way or imitate their evil practices. Instead, you must utterly destroy them and smash their sacred pillars.

25 "You must serve only the LORD your God. If you do, I<sup>[a]</sup> will bless you with food and water, and I will protect you from illness. 26 There will be no miscarriages or infertility in your land, and I will give you long, full lives.

27 "I will send my terror ahead of you and create panic among all the people whose lands you invade. I will make all your enemies turn and run. 28 I will send terror<sup>[b]</sup> ahead of you to drive out the Hivites, Canaanites, and Hittites. 29 But I will not drive them out in a single year, because the land would become desolate and the wild animals would multiply and threaten you. 30 I will drive them out a little at a time until your population has increased enough to take possession of the land. 31 And I will fix your boundaries from the Red Sea to the Mediterranean Sea,<sup>[c]</sup> and from the eastern wilderness to the Euphrates River.<sup>[d]</sup> I will hand over to you the people now living in the land, and you will drive them out ahead of you.

32 "Make no treaties with them or their gods. 33 They must not live in your land, or they will cause you to sin against me. If you serve their gods, you will be caught in the trap of idolatry." NLT

**\*At end of talk** share about finding God's love everywhere we go if we are looking. On your way out have a heart for what God has a heart for. Put this rock somewhere that you will see it and let it remind you of God's love for you!