Assignments on Titus 1

Please read Titus 1, then answer the following questions.

1. Who wrote this letter – 1:1? Summarize some things we know about him.

2. To whom is the letter addressed – 1:4? What are some things we know about him (give ***b/c/v***)? (Think: See what you can learn about when this book was written, and where Paul was at the time.)

3. Where was Titus at this time – 1:5?

4. Read through the book and ***summarize*** its theme.

5. How did Paul describe himself (v1)?

6. List other ***passages*** showing proof that Paul was an apostle.

7. ***Define*** "elect." List other ***passages*** about the elect.

8. What is the "faith of God's elect"?

9. ***Define*** "godliness."

10. List other ***passages*** regarding truth.

11. ***Define*** "hope" – 1:2 What do Christians hope for?

12. List other ***passages*** regarding the Christian's hope.

13. Name something God cannot do. Why not?

14. ***Case Study:*** Some folks say that Christians already possess eternal life, so we cannot lose it. Does the Bible teach eternal life is a present possession or a promise or hope actually fulfilled in the future? Explain and prove your answer.

15. What had God done with His word – 1:3? How?

16. What role did Paul have in this?

17. How was Titus related to Paul – 1:4? Explain.

18 How many true faiths are there? Should Christians have the same faith or different faiths? Explain.

19. What blessings did Paul seek for Titus – 1:4?

20. Where had Paul left Titus – 1:5? What else do we know about this place?

21. For what purpose was Titus left there?

22. ***Define*** "elder." List other ***passages*** regarding elders.

23. List, ***define,*** and give ***passages*** for two other terms for this same position.

24. ***Special Assignment:*** Prove that the terms used above (# 22,23) refer to the same position.

25. What does v5 show regarding the importance of elders? List other ***passages*** about this.

26. ***Special Assignment:*** List and describe the works elders should do. List ***passages*** for each.

27. List ***passages*** that show whether or not one man alone may oversee a church.

28. ***Case Study:*** Some members believe that a church need not follow the elders' decisions unless the decisions have first been submitted to the whole church for their endorsement. How would you respond?

29. The qualities listed in 1:6-9 are sometimes called "the qualifications of elders." Find words or phrases that show men need these qualities in order to serve as elders.

30. May a man be appointed as an elder if he lacks some qualification? May he continue to serve if he lacks some qualification? Explain.

31. Explain the purposes of the qualifications – i.e., why did God give them?

32. ***Define*** "blameless." List other ***passages*** regarding it. Explain its application and relationship to an elder's work.

33. ***Special Assignment:*** Explain the significance of "husband of one wife" to the following cases: (1) a woman elder, (2) an unmarried elder, (3) a polygamous elder, (4) an unscripturally remarried elder.

34. How does 1 Timothy 3:4,5 describe the elder's children? What reason is given why an elder's family relationship matters? (Think: If a man's family fails to measure up to the qualifications, do we appoint him anyway unless we can prove he is to "blame," or do we simply conclude he lacks the evidence we need to confirm his leadership qualities?)

35. List other translations for "faithful children" in Titus 1:6.

36. Examine the passages listed below and other ***passages*** using the word "faithful" (or "believing" or "believer"), then explain the meaning: Acts 16:15; Eph. 1:1; 1 Tim. 6:2; Rev. 2:10; 1 Tim. 3:11.

37. Specifically, should a person be called "faithful" if he is not a Christian? What if he is known to be disobedient to God and will not repent?

38. List other translations of "not accused of riot or unruly" (KJV).

39. Explain what "riot" means in Eph. 5:18; 1 Peter 4:3,4; Luke 15:13.

40. Explain the meaning of "unruly" as used in Titus 1:10; 1 Tim. 1:9. (Think: How does "not accused of riot or unruly" help explain "faithful"?)

41. Of the children an elder has, how many must be "not accused of riot or unruly" in order for him to qualify? (Consider similar concepts in 1 Tim. 5:10; 3:4; 3:11.) Of the children an elder has, how many must be "faithful" in order for him to qualify? Explain your answer.

42. If a man has one or more accountable children who are not Christians, are his children "faithful … not accused of riot or unruly"? What if one or more of his children are not accountable?

43. If one or more of his children become unfaithful after they leave home, are his children "faithful … not accused of riot or unruly"?

44. When one man is addressed, does he have "children" if he has only one? Can the plural include the singular in such cases (are Luke 14:26; 18:29; Gen. 21:7; 1 Tim. 5:4 parallel language)? Does the plural always include the singular, and does it do so in Titus 1:6? In other words, may a man qualify as "having faithful children" if he has only one child? Explain.

45. Define each of the following terms as used in the KJV. For each one, also list other ***passages*** (if any) where it is used, and explain how it relates to the elder's work.

self-willed

soon angry

given to wine

striker

given to filthy lucre

lover of hospitality

lover of good (men)

sober

just

holy

temperate

holding fast the faithful word

able to exhort and convince the gainsayer

46. Explain the connection between 1:9 and vv 10-14.

47. ***Define*** the words in 1:10 that describe the people Paul is talking about.

48. List other ***passages*** in 1&2 Timothy about these problems.

49. What is the significance of "circumcision" in v10 (cf. "Jewish fables" in v14)?

50. What did Paul say should be done about these people – 1:11 (cf. v13)? Why are they dangerous?

51. What often motivates such people? List other similar warnings.

52. How did a Cretan prophet describe them – 1:12? (Think: Was this Cretan prophet inspired by God? Why quote him?)

53. ***Application:*** Why would it be hard to deal with such people?

54. How should such people be dealt with – 1:13?

55. List other ***passages*** regarding rebuking sin.

56. ***Special Assignment:*** Is it always wrong to be "sharp" with people? Is it always right? What should be the motive for rebuke?

57. What are "fables" – 1:14? What other ***passages*** discuss them?

58. List other ***passages*** about the danger of human commands.

59. ***Define*** "pure" – 1:15 List other ***passages*** about purity.

60. In what sense are all things pure to those who are pure? (Think: Does this mean "pure" people can do sinful things without being held guilty? Explain.)

61. In what sense is nothing pure to the defiled and unbelieving? (Think: Does this teach "total depravity" – i.e., sinful people cannot do anything good at all? Explain.)

62. Explain how sinners are defiled in mind and conscience.

63. Is a person saved simply because he professes to know God – 1:16? Give other ***passages*** elsewhere about this.

64. How can a person deny God in works?

65. ***Define*** "abominable" and "reprobate" (KJV).

66. ***Application:*** What application does this verse have to people who say works are not necessary to salvation, but we are saved by "faith only"?