



# ~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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## Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, Lord bless each person, and fill them with God's will for them today and plans. Help them Lord to draw closer to you, and give them a agape relationship with You. Help us to have the will to study the Word and mediate on it. Fill each person with a tender , kind, softened heart, a blessing, giving heart, with hearts of forgiveness. Give them peace my Lord. I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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## Scripture

### Titus Introduction ( 2005)

“Someday” sometimes never comes.....

### Titus 2:11-14 (KJV)

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,  
<sup>12</sup> Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;  
<sup>13</sup> Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;  
<sup>14</sup> Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

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Titus was a Greek, one of Paul's converts (Titus 1:4), who accompanied Paul to Jerusalem. Paul steadfastly resisted having Titus circumcised (Galatians 2:3-). Some years later, Titus appears with Paul in Ephesus and is sent to Corinth to look into certain disorders in the church, and to initiate the offering for the poor saints in Jerusalem (2 Corinthians 8:6,10). Returning from Corinth, he meets Paul in Macedonia. After explaining the situation in Corinth to Paul, Titus is sent back to Corinth ahead of Paul, with what we know as the second letter to the Corinthians, to pave the way for Paul's coming and to complete the offering 92 Corinthians 2:3, 12-13; 7:5-6, 13-14; 8:16-18, 23; 12:14,18). The fact that Titus was chosen to look after the troubled situation in Corinth indicates that Paul must have considered him a very capable, wise, and tactful Christian leader.

We hear of Titus again some seven or eight years later, in this letter written to him by Paul, in about A.D. 65. Titus is in Crete, the phrase left you in Crete (Titus 1:5) shows that Paul had been there with him. Paul's ship, on his voyage to Rome (Acts 27), touched on the south shore of Crete, but it is hardly likely that could have been the time when he left Titus there. The prevailing opinion is that, after Paul's release from his first imprisonment in Rome, about A.D. 63, he went east and included Crete in his itinerary. After setting the Cretan churches in order. Titus will be replaced by Artemas or Tychicus, and he is asked to rejoin Paul in Nicopolis, in western Greece (Titus 3:12).

The last time we hear of Titus is in 2 Timothy 4:10, where it is said that he had gone from Rome to Dalmatia. Evidently he had rejoined Paul and was with him when Paul was arrested and then accompanied him to Rome. Whether he left Paul in that dark and lonely hour because of threatening dangers or Paul sent him to finish the evangelization of the coast northwest of Greece, we do not know. Let us hope the latter, for he was a good and great man. Tradition says that Titus became bishop of Crete and died peaceably at an advanced age.

Titus and 1 Timothy are thought to have been written at about the same time, around A. D. 65. They deal with the same general subject, the appointment of proper leaders, Titus in Crete, Timothy in Ephesus. The problem in both places was very much the same.

( Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; history & commentaries; pages 846-847)

**Good Christian doctrine should lead to good Christian living. Be diligent and enthusiastic about doing good works in order to demonstrate your love for Jesus. Make sure your good works are led and empowered by the Holy Spirit.**

Titus, like Timothy, was a young minister who followed Paul's leadership and received oversight of the church in Crete. This church seems unorganized and full of people who needed much instruction and correction. To help Titus, Paul wrote this letter, which addresses several subjects he also wrote about in 1 Timothy. In Titus, Paul emphasizes the proper structure of the church, solid doctrine and godly living, especially in the form of good works.

In fact, Paul writes in **Titus 2:14** that Jesus, "gave Himself on our behalf that He might redeem us (purchase our freedom) from all iniquity and purify for Himself a people [to be peculiarly His own, people who are] eager and enthusiastic about [living a life that is good and filled with] beneficial deeds." We must remember that people know us as believers by our fruit; we reveal our love for Jesus more through what we do than through any other means.

As you read the book of Titus, I pray you will remember how important it is to be in a good church and to submit to godly spiritual leadership. I also hope you will remember to demonstrate your faith by good works and by living a holy life. Remember that good works and holiness for the sake of good works and holiness will result in legalism, but when these endeavors are led and empowered by the Holy Spirit, they will bring life to you and to others.

In many of Paul's epistles, he greets his readers with a message of "grace and peace," just as he does in **Titus 1:4**. We cannot enjoy peace unless we understand and receive grace. Ask God to help you receive grace so that you can be at peace.

Having godly church leaders is so important. Paul specifically addresses the character and responsibilities of church leaders called elders in **Titus 1:5-16**. Do you know who the various leaders of your church are? Be sure to pray for them often, and ask God to continue to build in them the character, spiritual maturity, and abilities necessary to be wise and faithful church leaders.

“A man may pray night and day and deceive himself, but no man can be assured of his sincerity who does not pray. Prayer is faith passing into act. A union of the will and intellect realizing in an intellectual act. It is the whole man that prays. Less than this is wishing or lip work, a sham or a mummery.”

The Complete Works of E. M. Bounds .



*‘And it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, that when He ceased, one of His disciples said to Him, Lord, teach us to pray.’—[Luke 11:1](#).*

The disciples had been with Christ, and seen Him pray. They had learnt to understand something of the connection between His wondrous life in public, and His secret life of prayer. They had learnt to believe in Him as a Master in the art of prayer—none could pray like Him. And so they came to Him with the request, ‘Lord, teach us to pray.’ And in after years they would have told us that there were few things more wonderful or blessed that He taught them than His lessons on prayer.

And now still it comes to pass, as He is praying in a certain place, that disciples who see Him thus engaged feel the need of repeating the same request, ‘Lord, teach us to pray.’ As we grow in the Christian life, the thought and the faith of the Beloved Master in His never-failing intercession becomes ever more precious, and the hope of being *Like Christ* in His intercession gains an attractiveness before unknown. And as we see Him pray, and remember that there is none who can pray like Him, and none who can teach like Him, we feel the petition of the disciples, ‘Lord, teach us to pray,’ is just what we need. And as we think how all He is and has, how He Himself is our very own, how He is Himself our life, we feel assured that we have but to ask, and He will be delighted to take us up into closer fellowship with Himself, and teach us to pray even as He prays.

Come, my brothers! Shall we not go to the Blessed Master and ask Him to enrol our names too anew in that school which He always keeps open for those who long to continue their studies in the Divine art of prayer and intercession? Yes, let us this very day say to the Master, as they did of old, ‘Lord, teach us to pray.’ As we meditate, we shall find each word of the petition we bring to be full of meaning.

‘Lord, teach us *to pray*.’ Yes, *to pray*. This is what we need to be taught. Though in its beginnings prayer is so simple that the feeblest child can pray, yet it is at the same time the highest and holiest work to which man can rise. It is fellowship with the Unseen and Most Holy One. The powers of the eternal world have been placed at its disposal. It is the very essence of true religion, the channel of all blessings, the secret of power and life. Not only for ourselves, but for others, for the Church, for the world, it is to prayer that God has given the right to take hold of Him and His strength. It is on prayer that the promises wait for their fulfilment, the kingdom for its coming, the glory of God for its full revelation. And for this blessed work, how slothful and unfit we are. It is only the Spirit of God can enable us to do it aright. How speedily we are deceived into a resting in the form, while the power is wanting. Our early training, the teaching of the Church, the influence of habit, the stirring of the emotions—how easily these lead to prayer which has no spiritual power, and avails but little. True prayer, that takes hold of God’s strength, that availeth much, to which the gates of heaven are really opened wide—who would not cry, Oh for some one to teach me thus to

Andrew Murray

WELLINGTON, 28<sup>th</sup> October 1895 : Thoughts on our Training for the Ministry of Intercession.

(Amplified Bible; The Everyday Life Bible; 2005; Joyce Meyers; Scripture, notes, commentaries; pages 2017-2018)  
(KJV; 2005; Bible Software; Word search 9; Scripture, notes, commentaries; Andrew Murray writings; E. M. Bounds writings)

**Psa 119:105**

**Thy word [is] a lamp unto  
my feet, and a light unto my path.**



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