# Titus and 2 Timothy

#### Titus

 Common Thread—"devotion to GOOD DEEDS/ Faith has to be put to ACTION.
 – 1:1-"knowledge of the truth in keeping with godliness"

 1:5-1:16—appoint elder to TEACH SHARPLY, ACCURATELY, AND IN SERVICE OF PROTECTION.
 FALSE TEACHERS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF GULLIBLE, WEAK, DESPERATE, VULNERABLE
 V.11—"MISLEAD WHOLE FAMILIES"

#### 1:12-16

Cultural stereotypes dealt with...
V. 15, 16—danger of separating knowledge claims from ACTIONS.
2:1-15—"Healthy teachings" ready or prepare each person in whatever phase or order of life FOR ACTION/DEEDS.

#### Titus

- V. 11-15—TEACH TO ROOT OUT UNGODLY WAYS AND DESIRES
  - <u>Desires, not just "beliefs" or cognitions</u>, must be schooled!

**Discuss**: relationship of DESIRES to BELIEFS. 3:1-7—CONFIDENT DISCIPLESHIP does not justify arrogance or self-imposition—

YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH BEING A SINNER! v. 8-11—DO GOOD WORKS; AVOID EMPTY CHATTER.

# 2 Timothy

1:1-5
 – Greetings/Uplifts and emboldened
 Remembered in prayers
 V. 6-11-PROTECT THE GOOD DEPOSIT AND DON'T BE ASHAMED.

## 2 timothy

 2:1-6—There is a course of action that is peculiar to being a CHRISTIAN: ENDURANCE/TENACITY.
 v. 8-13: Paul/Jesus as example of tenacity, faithfulness.

## 2 Timothy

#### **o** 2:14-19

"Watch words and teachings"
 "Apophatic"
 Avoid quarrelling about "words."
 v. 19—Numbers 16:5

2:20-26 "Cleanse yourself of this behavior" Argue for argument's sake—NO! Argue for personal victory—NO! PURSUE RIGHTEOUSNESS, FAITHFULNESS, LOVE, AND PEACE BE PATIIENT AND GENTLE!

# 2 Timothy

**o** 3:1-9

Sober acknowledgement of HUMAN CONDITION..

 - 3:10-17: FOLLOW MY LIFE IN RESISTING THE DIVISIVE, QUARRELSOME ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS OF OTHERS AND ENDURE PERSECUTION.

## 2 TIMOTHY

3:15-4:5 –FOCUS ON SCRIPTURES
 – USE SCRIPTURES IN ALL COMMUNICATIONS
 MORE AND CONSISTENT Open, public, scriptural reasoning—less nonsense in this environment permeated by false teachings.
 – Prevents self-interested teachings...

WE DON'T READ THE SCRIPTURES, THE SCRIPTURES READ US!!!

4:9-27—Travel plans, personal offenses cleared/expressed, MAY GOSPEL ADVANCE...