

TITUS: PAUL'S SPECIAL STAY & SUPPORT!

2 Timothy 4:10 For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, **Titus unto Dalmatia.**

Titus seems to be well-known.

He seems to be everywhere...but strangely he's hardly anywhere!

Epistle of Titus:

Acts: not mentioned at all

Total: 13x

Mostly in 2 Corinthians & Galatians

1. Titus – an **emotional** support!

Was I in for a surprise!

2 Corinthians 2:12 Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, **and a door was opened unto me of the Lord,**

2 Corinthians 2:13 **I had no rest in my spirit, because I found not Titus my brother: but taking my leave of them, I went from thence into Macedonia.**

2 Corinthians 7:4 Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my glorying of you: **I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation. 2 Corinthians 7:5** For, when we were come into Macedonia, **our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without were fightings, within were fears.**

2 Corinthians 7:6 Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, **comforted us by the coming of Titus; 2 Corinthians 7:7** And not by his coming only, but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you, when he told us your earnest desire, your mourning, your fervent mind toward me; so that I rejoiced the more.

Thoughts:

- We all need “emotional” support!
- Paul obviously needed it
- Emotional support that isn't **always** emotional
- Emotional support that actually supports

A conversation with Amy:

I'm at the stage I don't want any “corrosive friendships!”

Either I'm helping them

Or they are helping me

Or, preferably but rarely, a completely mutual back & forth

Not a bad guy

But bad for me

A good guy

But not good for me

My responsibility:

Am I helping them?

Are they helping me?

Or, are both happening?

Proverbs 17:17 A friend loveth at **all** times, And a brother is born **for adversity.**

Proverbs 27:10 Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, **forsake not**; Neither go into thy brother's house in the day of thy calamity: For better is a neighbour that is near than a brother far off.

Proverbs 27:17 Iron sharpeneth iron; So a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

2. Titus – a **practical / logistical** support!

2 Corinthians 7:7 And not by his coming only, but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you, **when he told us** your earnest desire, your mourning, your fervent mind toward me; so that I rejoiced the more.

2 Corinthians 7:13 Therefore we were comforted in your comfort: yea, and exceedingly the more joyed we **for the joy of Titus, because his spirit was refreshed by you all.** **2 Corinthians 7:14** For if I have boasted any thing to him of you, I am not ashamed; but as we spake all things to you in truth, even so our boasting, **which I made before Titus,** is found a truth.

2 Corinthians 8:6 Insomuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also.

2 Corinthians 8:16 But thanks be to God, which put the same earnest care into the heart of Titus for you. **2 Corinthians 8:17** For indeed he accepted the exhortation; but being more forward, of his own accord he went unto you.

Ministry (+++):

- Is always about work
- Lots of work
- More work than one man can do
- Work that takes many hands
- Work about the gospel
- Work for God's glory
- Work NOT about us ...personally
- Work that requires like-mindedness

2 Corinthians 8:16 But thanks be to God, which put **the same earnest care** into the heart of Titus for you. **Philippians 2:19** But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state. **Philippians 2:20** For I have no man **likeminded,** who will naturally care for your state.

3. Titus – a **theological / doctrinal** support!

Galatians 2:1 Then fourteen years after I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, **and took Titus with me also.**

Galatians 2:2 And I went up by revelation, and communicated unto them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to them which were of reputation, lest by any means I should run, or had run, in vain.

Galatians 2:3 But **neither Titus, who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised:**

Galatians 2:4 And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage: