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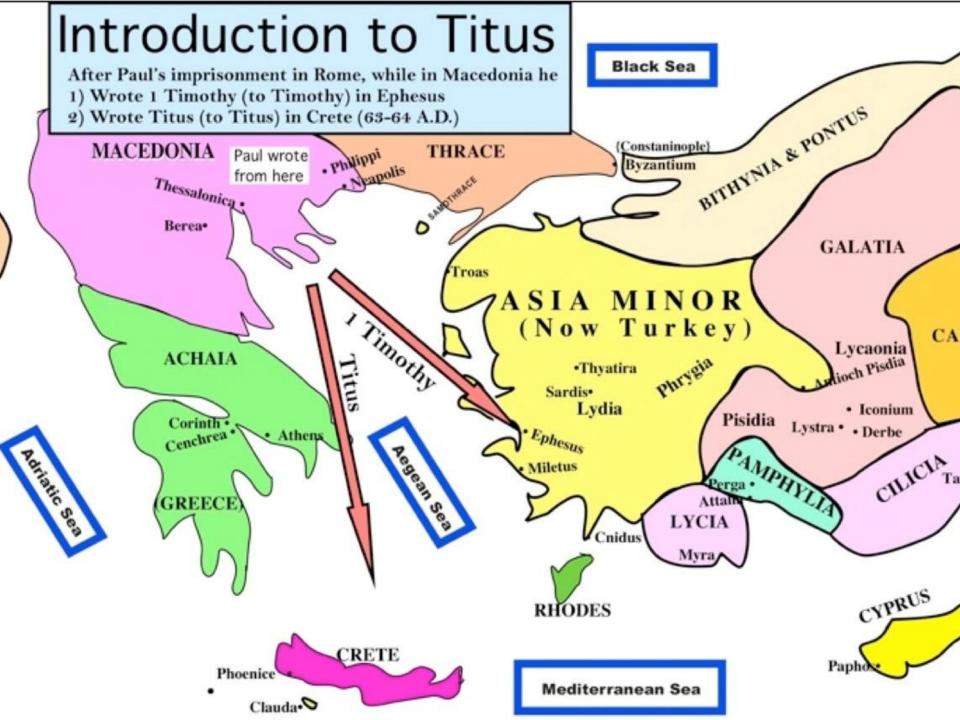
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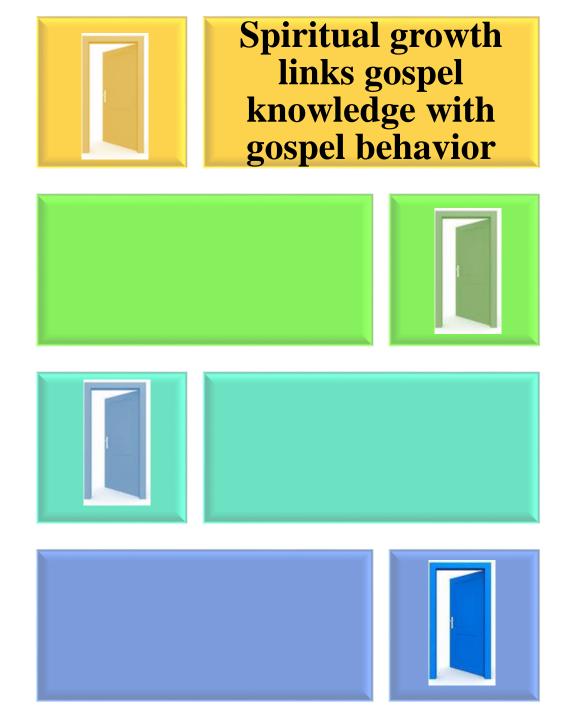
Titus 1

¹ From Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ.

I encourage God's own people to have more faith and to understand the truth about religion. ² Then they will have the hope of eternal life that God promised long ago. And God never tells a lie! ³ So, at the proper time, God our Savior gave this message and told me to announce what He had said.

⁴Titus, because of our faith, you are like a son to me. I pray that God our Father and Christ Jesus our Savior will be kind to you and will bless you with peace!

Not Walking Alone





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⁷ Church officials are in charge of God's work, and so they must also have a good reputation. They must not be bossy, quick tempered, heavy drinkers, bullies, or dishonest in business. 8 Instead, they must be friendly to strangers and enjoy doing good things. They must also be sensible, fair, pure, and self controlled. ⁹ They must stick to the true message they were taught, so that their good teaching can help others and correct everyone who opposes it.



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¹⁶ Such people claim to know God, but their actions prove that they really don't....

