

Series: *Titus: The Gospel for Godly Living*
Lesson: *Our Mission Statement*
Text: Titus 1:1-4
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INTRODUCTION

Any company worth its salt will have a carefully considered mission statement. According to wikipedia.com, "The mission statement should guide the actions of the organization, spell out its overall goal, provide a path, and guide decision-making. It provides 'the framework or context within which the company's strategies are formulated.'" While it may not be written out or even deliberately thought through, most individuals have a general mission statement that guides their actions, spells out their goals, provides a path, and guides decision-making. The apostle Paul was exemplary in this respect.

Throughout his epistles, one regularly discovers summary statements of what drove him, and none perhaps is more specific than the mission statement he delineates in Titus 1:1-4. Paul's mission statement here contains two parts.

WHO PAUL WAS: Our

(v. 1)

1. *We are* _____ *of God.*

2. *We are* _____ *of Christ.*

Application:

WHY PAUL WROTE: Our

(vv. 1-3)

1. *We should be establishing people in* _____.

2. *We should be growing people in* _____.

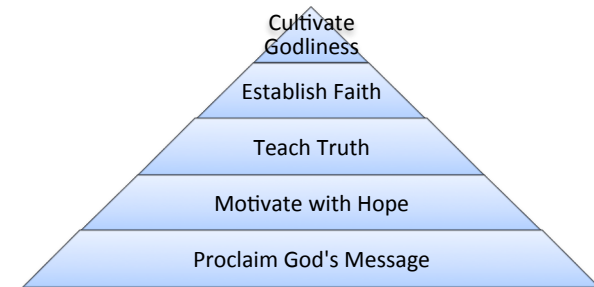
3. *We should be directing people toward* _____.

4. *We should be motivating people with* _____.

5. *We should be proclaiming to people God's* _____.

So, to summarize Paul's mission statement:

Since I am God's slave and Christ's sent-one, I will faithfully and humbly proclaim God's message so that people are motivated by hope to know God's truth which will establish them in faith and cultivate a life of godliness.



CONCLUSION

In verse 4, Paul simply concludes his greeting by addressing his letter to Titus and blessing him. This verse demonstrates that Paul's mission statement was more than just a standard on paper; it really was his daily commitment. It was that mission statement that compelled him to write this letter to Titus—a young man that he himself had won to Christ in fulfillment of his mission statement. And it was that mission statement that regularly left him burdened for his recipients to know the grace and peace that come through a relationship with "God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior" (cf. II Peter 1:2-4).

How will you put this mission statement into practice?