

**Titus**  
**Lesson #3, Chapter 1:1**

1. Paul acknowledges immediately that he is the author of the letter to Titus. What do you know about Paul? Write down as many things as you can about him. (If you can find the Scripture references to support your answers, please use them.) You may want to start in Acts 9 and 22; Gal. 1 and Phil. 3 and move on from there.
2. What are the two ways Paul describes himself in vs. 1?
3. Note who are called bond-servants in the Scriptures: Acts 16:17; Phil. 1:1; Col. 4:12; Heb. 3:5; Jas. 1:1; 2 Pet. 1:1; Jude 1.
4. What do you learn about Christ as bond-servant? See Matt. 20:25-28; Jn. 13:12-17 (1-11); Phil. 2:3-7.
5. What are the characteristics of a bond-slave? See Rom. 6:16-18, 22; 1 Cor. 4:1; 2 Cor. 4:5; 6:4; Gal. 1:10; Eph. 6:6; 1 Tim. 6:1; Rev. 19:5; 22:3.
6. By way of reminder, Paul is bound in service to whom? Why would that be important for him to remember?

Christ keeps no servants only to wear a livery. ~William Jenkyn

7. What kind of Master do we serve? See Deut. 4:31; Ps. 106:1; Eph. 1:7-8; 1 Thess. 5:24; 2 Thess. 2:16-17; Titus 3:4; Heb. 6:10; Jas. 1:17; 1 Pet. 1:15 just for starters! Add your own list of attributes (including Scripture references) of the Master we serve.
  
8. As a bond-slave of the Most-High King, what should your service look like?
  
9. “Paul was in complete, but willing, bondage to God. He had no life that he called his own, no will of his own, purpose of his own, or plan of his own. All was subject to his Lord. In every thought, every breath, and every effort he was under the mastery of God (John MacArthur, Titus Commentary).” What things or attitudes hinder your service? Do you cling to certain “rights” that have no place in the life of a servant?
  
10. Paul also identifies himself as “an apostle of Jesus Christ”. The word means sent one or messenger and most often was used of a “special messenger, a type of ambassador, who was sent with a specific message and spoke with the authority of the one who sent him (John MacArthur).” Even though Paul wasn’t chosen as Christ’s apostle during His earthly ministry, after His death Paul was commissioned by Christ. Record your observations about Paul’s apostleship from the following verses: Acts 9:10-16; 22:12-15; 26:15-18.
  
11. Which comes first in Paul’s mind—being a bond-servant or an apostle? How does Paul use his authority as an apostle to be a more excellent servant? See Acts 20:24; 2 Cor. 6:1-9; 2 Thess. 3:7-9.
  
12. Read how Peter urges leaders in the church to use their authority in 1 Pet. 5:1-5. What do you learn?

13. It is all too natural and easy for us to choose to use our authority to influence people, yet Paul used his authority to serve others. What are some ways you can use the “authority” or “ministry” God has given you to serve others?
  
14. Paul is a bond-servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ. He knows exactly who he serves. Do your daily choices and actions reflect that same confidence?

All effective, fruitful, and genuinely spiritual leaders in Christ’s church have a deep awareness that they are under divine authority. That awareness becomes the controlling reality of their lives. They do not seek to fulfill personal agendas, create personal fame, or build personal empires. They are content and feel honored for the privilege of being wholly subject to the Master who has chosen and sent them. ~John MacArthur