

¹ Paul, a bond servant of God and an apostle (a special messenger) of Jesus Christ (the Messiah) to stimulate and promote the faith of God's chosen ones and to lead them on to accurate discernment and recognition of and acquaintance with the Truth which belongs to and harmonizes with and tends to godliness,

² [Resting] in the hope of eternal life, [life] which the ever truthful God Who cannot deceive promised before the world or the ages of time began.

³ And [now] in His own appointed time He has made manifest (made known) His Word and revealed it as His message through the preaching entrusted to me by command of God our Savior; **Titus 1:1-3 AMPC**

- Paul is an Apostle (**v1**)
 - He is a bond servant. A specialty sent messenger of Jesus.

¹ From Paul, a bond servant of Jesus Christ (the Messiah) called to be an apostle, (a special messenger) set apart to [preach] the Gospel (good news) of and from God, **Romans 1:1 AMPC**

- Paul says in Titus 1:1 that part of his apostolic message and ministry is to stimulate and promote the faith of God's people.
- "To stimulate faith in God's chosen people." The Williams New Testament.
- Then He says that his apostolic function is to lead His people on to an "Accurate discernment recognition of and acquaintance with the truth which belongs to and harmonizes with godliness." (**v1**)
- Berkley's New Testament says that Paul is to stimulate and strengthen the faith of the people of God.
- Paul the Apostle, the "stimulator", wants us to know that at the heart of his work was this power and passion to stimulate our capacity to know and believe in Jesus. His desire was to prod and stir up faith in our hearts. He was imparting his heart in order to set fire to our heart.

He was intent on invigorating us, energizing us to be believers that are quickened to believe!

- One stimulant to believing is to recognize and trust in the truth of our eternal life in Jesus (**Titus 1:2**)
- Another 'spark' to our faith is knowing that NOW is the appointed time that God chose to reveal his resurrected son via His word to the world. We are living in His appointed time! (**Titus 1:3**)

So, what is possible?

³⁴ But Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I ^[a]am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; for that reason also the ^[b]holy Child will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, even your relative Elizabeth herself has conceived a son in her old age, and ^[c]she who was called infertile is now in her sixth month. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ And Mary said, "Behold, the Lord's bond-servant; may it be done to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her. **Luke 1:34-38 NASB**

- Nothing will be impossible with God.
 - Note- it doesn't say that nothing is impossible TO God but WITH God.

²⁷ But He said, "The things that are impossible with people are possible with God." **Luke 18:27**

- Impossible to us but NOT impossible with Him.

¹³ Then some children were brought to Him so that He would lay His hands on them and pray; and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ But Jesus said, "Leave the children alone, and do not forbid them to come to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." ¹⁵ After laying His hands on them, He departed from there. ¹⁶ And someone came to Him and said, "Teacher, what good thing shall I do so that I may obtain eternal life?" ¹⁷ And He said to him, "Why are you asking Me about what is good? There is only One who is good; but if you want to enter life, keep the commandments." ¹⁸ Then he said to Him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not commit murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not give false testimony; ¹⁹ Honor your father and mother; and You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ²⁰ The young man said to Him, "All these I have kept; what am I still lacking?" ²¹ Jesus said to him, "If you want to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." ²² But

when the young man heard this statement, he went away grieving; for he was one who owned much property. ²³ And Jesus said to His disciples, “Truly I say to you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴ And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁵ When the disciples heard this, they were very astonished and said, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁶ And looking at them, Jesus said to them, “With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” **Matthew 19:13-26 NASB**

²² “Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a Man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know— ²³ this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death. ²⁴ But God raised Him from the dead, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power. **Acts 2:22-24 NASB**

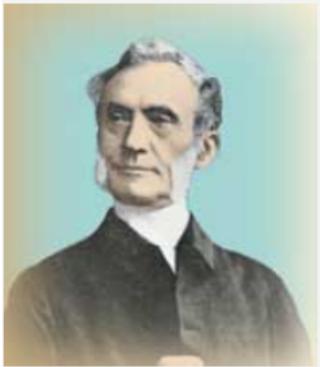
- It was impossible for death to hold Jesus in its power.

⁴ For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. **Hebrews 10:4 NASB**

- It is impossible for us to save ourselves. So, Jesus did the impossible for us.
- What does ‘possible’ mean? It means what one has the power to do that is what is possible.

The story below is something that never fails to stimulate my faith.

What are you believing for?



"The children are dressed and ready for school. But there is no food for them to eat," the housemother of the orphanage informed George Mueller. George asked her to take the 300 children into the dining room and have them sit at the tables. He thanked God for the food and waited. George knew God would provide food for the children as he always did. Within minutes, a baker knocked on the door. "Mr. Mueller," he said, "last night I could not sleep. Somehow I knew that you would need bread this morning. I got up and baked three batches for you. I will bring it in."

Soon, there was another knock at the door. It was the milkman. His cart had broken down in front of the orphanage. The milk would spoil by the time the wheel was fixed. He asked George if he could use some free milk. George smiled as the milkman brought in ten large cans of milk. It was just enough for the 300 thirsty children.