

ETHICS IN TITUS

EXPLORING AN INDIVIDUAL-TEXT
APPROACH TO THE PASTORAL
EPISTLES

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Could the three letters that constitute the Pastoral Epistles be studied, exegetically and hermeneutically, independently or not? What could be the most appropriate standpoint for approaching their study as individual texts? Could ethics be a plausible point of view towards an individual approach to these texts?

In response to these questions, the Titus Conference will explore three milieus of the Titus text from ethical perspectives:

- 1) Text, Co-Texts, and Contexts
- 2) Text and Intra-text
- 3) Text and Hermeneutics

Four goals undergird the individual-text approach of the conference:

- 1) To put the spotlight on ethics in Titus, exploring its socio-historical backgrounds and the intra-textual forms and functions of implicit and explicit ethical properties embedded in the text such as norms, values, agents, and so on. Limiting the inquiry to Titus provides the needed boundary and gives a voice to the least attended among the three letters.
- 2) To promote the study of the individual texts that comprise the Pastoral Epistles, thereby paying more attention to their distinctive ethical voices. This could renew interest in the relevance of the ethical content of the Pastoral letters for ethical discourses today and chart a "new" course for future studies of the letters.
- 3) To shift attention from the long, "overloaded," yet extant scholarly debate on the authorship and general historical backgrounds of the letters, which is gradually becoming a deficit, to a more cursory attention on their individual contents.
- 4) To promote inter-disciplinary hermeneutical reflections on the ethical content of the Pastorals within the wider growing interest in inter-disciplinary approaches to biblical studies.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

12.30	Welcome
13.00-13.30	Ruben Zimmermann Implicit Ethics in New Testament Writings
13.30-14.15	Luke Timothy Johnson The Pedagogy of Grace: The Experiential Basis of Morality in Titus
14.15-14.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>

SECTION 1 TEXT, CO-TEXTS AND CONTEXTS

14.30-15.15	Jens Herzer Ethics and the Individuality of the PE
15.15-16.00	Jermo van Nes Ethics and the Authorship of Titus
16.00-16.45	Annette Merz Inter-textuality and Ethics in Titus
16.45-17.15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
17.15-18.00	Harry O. Maier Ethics and Empire in Titus
18.00-18.45	Annette B. Huizenga Moral Education in Titus

Dinner on Campus

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

SECTION 2a TEXT AND INTRA-TEXT

09.00-09.45	Philip H. Towner The Ethical Agenda of Titus
09.45-10.30	Hans-Ulrich Weidemann The Intersection of Ethics, Knowledge, & Truth in Titus
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11.00-11.45	Dogara Ishaya Manomi Titus and Virtue Ethics
11.45-12.30	Rick Brannen (read) Ethics and Language in Titus:

12.30-14.15 *Lunch break*

SECTION 2b TEXT AND INTRA-TEXT

14.15-15.00	Marianne B. Kartzow Ethics and Gossip in Titus
15.00-15.45	Ray Van Neste Ethics and Identity in Titus
15.45-16.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16.00-16.45	Michael Theobald Binnenethos oder Ethos vor dem Forum der Öffentlichkeit?

Guided tour in Mainz & dinner in town

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

SECTION 3 TEXT AND HERMENEUTICS

09.00-09.45	Musa Dube An African Feminist-ethical Reading of "Household Codes" in Titus
9.45-10.30	Korinna Zamfir Women's Ministry in Titus (?)
10.30-11.15	Claire S. Smith Ethics of Teaching and Learning in Christianity Today: Insights from Titus
11.15-11:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11.30-12.15	SYNTHESIS Final Discussions: Ethics in Titus
12.15	End of the conference
12.30	<i>Lunch (available)</i>