

Titus 3 Godly Living

Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed, 2 to slander no one, not to be contentious, to be gentle, showing every consideration for all people.

3 For we too were once foolish, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another. 4 But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared,

5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we did in righteousness, but in accordance with His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, 6 whom He richly poured out upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior,

7 so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. 8 This statement is trustworthy; and concerning these things I want you to speak confidently, so that those who have believed God will be careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and beneficial for people.

9 But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and strife and disputes about the Law, for they are useless and worthless. 10 Reject a divisive person after a first and second warning, 11 knowing that such a person has deviated from what is right and is sinning, being self-condemned.

Personal Concerns

12 When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, make every effort to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. 13 Diligently help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way so that nothing is lacking for them.

14 Our people must also learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs, so that they will not be unproductive. 15 All who are with me greet you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all.

We will use five tools on our expedition that are built around five questions

1. What questions were provoked within you?
2. Did anything confuse you?
3. Did anything move you emotionally?
4. Did God instruct you to do something?
5. Did you gain any insight into God's character?

Paul's observations and insights

1. Paul says, 'remind them' - why do we need reminding?
2. What will happen if we don't subject ourselves to rulers?
3. To be obedient is to apply what He says.
4. Do you live life ready to pounce into action, regarding good deeds to others?
5. What happens to us when we slander someone?
6. What makes a person contentious in their dealings with others?
7. Is being gentle a choice of a character attribute?

8. Showing consideration, a strength or a weakness?
9. Can you recall when you gave yourself to foolish ways?
10. What is it to be foolish?
11. Do we learn to be disobedient or is it part of who we are?
12. Why are people deceived?
13. Can you free yourself from being enslaved?
14. What will be the outcome, of spending our lives, being envious and hateful of others?
15. What is 'the kindness of God'?
16. How did Gods love for mankind appear?
17. How has God saved you?
18. Why is salvation not based on deeds we have done?
19. What does 'the mercy' of God look like?
20. Sanctification is the washing of regeneration and the renewing by the Holy Spirit.
21. What does 'justified' mean to you?
22. How are we, as Christians, made heirs of God
23. Why is it only 'a hope' of eternal life?
24. Who are those who have believed in Gods salvation provision?
25. How can we avoid foolish controversies?
26. How can we avoid contentions about genealogies or anything?
27. What is happening to you when you are in a relationship with strife?
28. Who is the one justified to make laws and neutralise disputes?
29. Why should we reject a divisive person after a first and second warning?
30. What is a person doing when they deviate from what is right?
31. Sinning brings us into self-condemnation.
32. How might we make every effort in life?
33. To 'diligently help', is to give of your best in any service you choose to engage in.
34. When you lack nothing you are in a place of contentment.
35. 'Our people must learn to engage in good deeds'.
36. Those who have believed God will be careful to engage in good deeds.
37. Paul tells Titus to 'be ready for every good deed, like a spring ready to pounce'.
38. To meet pressing needs is to be proactive and responsive.
39. When we are unproductive we start to die.
40. For Grace to be with you, is to have access to heavenly blessings twenty for seven.