

TITUS 3:1-7

Lesson #10

1. Begin with prayer. Confess any sin before you enter into studying God's Word.

Day One

2. What did you apply from last week's lesson? Write down the name of one person with whom you shared how you applied it.
3. Read Titus 3 and review your chapter two summary from the Book Overview Chart or Lesson 1B.
4. Paul ends chapter two with an exhortation to Titus, “. . . speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you.” He then begins chapter three with more commands for “them.” Who are the “them”? Is he telling Titus to give these commands to the bondslaves from verse 9, or is he telling Titus to give these commands to the whole church? Support your answer.
5. Paul's focus has been on the godliness of the church so far – in chapter one, with its leaders, and in chapter two, with specific people functioning within the church. He shifts focus again in chapter 3. With whom are Christians interacting according to 3:1-2?
6. With whom are we called to interact and to what degree, according to Matthew 28:19, Galatians 6:10, and 1 John 2:15?

Pray:

- Pray that God will give you opportunities to share His gospel as you interact with the world.
- Pray that you will continue to be sensitive to the needs of the body by doing good to them.

Day Two

7. Read 3:1-7. List the commands given in verses 1 and 2.

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8. How is each of these commands to be carried out according to the end of verse 2? (cf. Romans 12:17-18, Philippians 4:5)

9. How are you doing in the area of being subject and obedient to the authorities in your life? We often want our children to obey us, but sometimes do not think of the importance of obeying the laws given to us as adults. As you examine each of the areas listed below and on the next page, as yourself these questions: Do I desire to keep these laws? What is my speech like when speaking of these God-ordained laws? Am I tempted to disregard these laws at times? (If so, write how you disregard them next to the category.) Do I see my resistance as against God when I disobey? After you have reviewed the categories, take time to confess any sin to the Lord. Ask Him to give you great faith to trust Him as He allows you to walk through life with secular authorities.

- a. Tax Laws
- b. Traffic Laws

- c. Building Laws
 - d. School laws
 - e. Business Laws
 - f. Workers' Compensation Laws
10. How can you use your obedience to authorities as a teaching tool in the lives of your children?
11. Titus is to tell his listeners to “be ready for every good deed.” (cf. Philippians 4:8, James 1:26-27, Romans 6:27-28) How might being “ready for every good deed” manifest itself in your daily living with:
- a. Your neighbors?
 - b. Your co-workers or husband's co-workers?
 - c. Your children's classmates or classmates' parents?
 - d. Someone in your community or someone rendering services to you?

Pray:

- Pray that you will manifest good works toward those mentioned above as a testimony of your salvation.
- Pray that out of love for Christ you will be more sensitive about obeying the law.
- Confess any disobedience toward the authorities God has placed in your life.

Day Three

12. Titus 3:2 says, “to malign no one.” Define the word “malign” (G987 *blasphēmeō*), and then jot some notes about the last time you maligned one of the following people:

- a. An incompetent worker in a local store or restaurant
- b. A stranger in an unknown car
- c. An insurance company or health care representative
- d. Other: _____

13. Believers are also to be “peaceable” with unbelievers in authority, as well as with everyone (Romans 12:18). If you do not know what this word means, look it up (G269 *amachos*). What are some situations when it is difficult to maintain this attitude? What Scriptures help you to renew your mind to live peaceably?

14. Believers are also to be “gentle” with unbelievers in authority, as well as with everyone (Philippians 4:5). Look up the Greek word (G1933 *epieikeēs*) to understand the nuances of this meaning. When is this difficult to exercise this quality?

Eager Beaver:

When was Jesus submissive to the authorities in his life? Write these down, and use them to remind yourself and your child(ren) of Christ’s example of submissiveness, even when it gets tough.

Pray:

- Pray that God will help you to hold your tongue and choose to speak evil of no one or to be a quarreler.
- Pray that God will help you to be gentle and courteous towards others.
- Confess to God any sin that came to mind as a result of this lesson and to others if need be.

Day Four

15. Titus 3:3 gives the reason we are to live out the commands given in verses 1 and 2. What is the reason?
16. Titus 3:3 reminds us of our unregenerate state. Remember when you were lost and without God in the world? Whether you were a child or adult at that time, you manifested each of these categories, even if only in seed form. Take time to remember (not for the purpose of reminiscing about sin, but to give God praise for His miracle of grace in your life), and write how you manifested each of these eight categories in your spiritually dead state.

Verse 3 Description	Manifestation
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8. H	

Praise God that you are no longer characterized by this description. If you are still dealing with a controlling sin in your life, please talk to your leader for help.

17. In 3:4-7, God is being magnified for His great attributes. Write down what you learn about:

God the Father

God the Son

God the Holy Spirit

Eager Beaver:

Search the whole book of Titus for other attributes of God. Write them down, define them, and praise God for His magnificent qualities.

Pray:

- Praise Him for your salvation and the transformation He has made in your life.
- Pray that God will continue to help you walk in a manner worthy of your calling.
- Pray for anyone you know who is still lost and without God in the world.

Day Five

Application:

18. Apply the lesson from this week by asking yourself:

- a. Have I learned something new about God?
- b. Is there a promise on which I can meditate today that gives me hope?

Talk to God:

Praise and thanksgiving:

Confession:

Requests for self and others: