

TITUS 3:12-15

Lesson #12

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? Share it with someone this week.
3. Read Titus 3:12-15. At the closing of the letter, who are the two men with Paul (v.12)?
4. What information do we learn about them here and from other parts of Scripture? (Acts 20:4, Ephesians 6:21, Colossians 4:7-9, 2 Timothy 4:12).
5. Who else is mentioned in verse 13? What do we learn about them from this verse, Acts 18:24-27, and 1 Corinthians 1:11-12?
6. Why do you suppose one of these men needed to come to replace Timothy? Why couldn't someone from Crete take his responsibilities?

Pray:

Think about how these laborers of Christ traveled long distances by land and boat to minister to the churches throughout distant regions. They had to rely on other Christians whom they did not know to feed and lodge them.

- Pray and spend time thanking God for these men as well as others who deny themselves worldly comforts to minister the truth of Christ to a lost world and a needy church.

Eager Beaver:

Go to <https://www.persecution.com/> to research who to pray for. Spend 15 minutes praying for those in ministry in persecuted areas. Pray for any who are imprisoned for preaching the gospel. Remember you will meet them in heaven one day!

Day Two

7. In verse 13, a command is given to the church in Crete. What is it and how is it to be accomplished? You can look up the words in Greek to assist you.

8. How was the Philippian church an example of keeping the command in verse 13? (Philippians 4:10-19)

9. According to 3 John 6-8, would it have been common for servants of Christ to have received such support, or was it just isolated to the Philippian church?

10. Evaluate how you are generous toward those who are preaching the gospel. Do you already sacrificially give to support those spreading the Gospel? Give some examples.

Pray:

- Pray now that God will multiply your gift for the salvation of many.
- Pray that if you are not giving generously and/or sacrificially, pray for direction and motivation to do so.
- Pray wisdom for the Missions Leadership Team at Calvary as they discern who to support as a missionary.

Note: Did you know that Calvary Bible Church has a list of missionaries and organizations which are committed to spreading the gospel? For more information, visit the Missionary Table located just outside the sanctuary.

Day 3

11. It is not only those in full-time ministry who are to help others. Who is being called to help in verse 14 and how are they being called to help?

12. Think about your weekly schedule and how you are fulfilling the command of verse 14. Write your answers below.

Husband:

Children:

Extended Family:

Neighbors:

Co-workers/husband's co-workers:

Missionaries:

Persecuted believers:

Widows and orphans of persecuted believers:

Widows and orphans:

13. What reason is given to fulfill the command of verse 14?

14. What does Jesus say about the life of every believer and the crop of their harvests in Matthew 7:13-20 and Matthew 13:8?

15. Read 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 and answer the following questions:

- a. What must every work be built upon?
- b. Which kinds of works will stand pure, and to what are they likened?
- c. What happens to the works which were not quality? What were they likened to?
- d. What is the impact for the believer in the testing of his/her works?

Pray:

- Pray that God will help you to learn how to engage in good deeds.
- Pray that God will help you meet any pressing needs that you listed in question 12.
- Pray that God will help you to continue to yield good fruit for His Glory.

Day 4

16. What kind of affection is seen among believers in verse 15, and on what is it based?

17. What is the far-reaching effect of this affection according to John 13:34-35?

18. How are we to practice this kind of love according to Romans 12:9-21?

Pray:

- Pray that you would have the affection for other believers like that of Romans 12:9-21.
- Pray for strength to apply these truths toward that one, specific someone who is hard to love for the glory of God.

“Nothing is a good work unless it is done with a good motive; and there is no motive which can be said to be good but the glory of God. He who performs good works with a view to save himself, does not do them from a good motive, because his motive is selfish. He who does them also to gain the esteem of his fellows and for the good of society, has a laudable motive, so far as man is concerned; but it is, after all, an inferior motive.—What end had we in view? If for the benefit of our fellow-creatures, then let our fellow-creatures pay us; but that has nought to do with God. Work is not good, unless a man does it with a view to God's glory, and he has been brought into subjection to God's divine will, so that in everything he has an eye to the Most High, and works in order to promote his glory and honor in the world. And even beloved, when our works are done from the best motives, nothing is a good work unless it is done with faith; for "without faith it is impossible to please God." (Spurgeon)

Day 5

19. Paul ends his letter with one summary statement, “Grace to you all” (Now, say it with a southern accent!). In light of the use of the word, “grace,” in Titus, why is it a fitting for Paul to talk about it again at the end?

Summary reflections:

20. What has impacted you the most from the book of Titus? How have you changed in light of God’s Word?

21. Write down as many of your memory verses from this year as you can remember. In what situations have these verses ministered to you and renewed your mind?