

Titus

Week Four

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Titus 2:6-15

STUDY GUIDE

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Day 1

In order for the study of God's Word to take root in our hearts it must be combined with prayer and meditation and the work of the Holy Spirit. Prayer in response to thinking and pondering on God's Word helps us to ground our thoughts in God's will and ways, not our own fallen thinking. As you read through this week's portion of Scripture several times, prayerfully contemplate:

- What in these verses can you praise God for?
- What do these verses reveal you need to confess?
- What in these verses can you thank God for?
- What do these verses show that you need from God?

Day 2- Titus 2:6-8

1. What one exhortation does Paul tell Titus to give the younger men in verse 6?
2. Self-control has been a common thread, directly stated or implied, to each category of people. Why do you think this is so important?

3. In verse 7, what two ways of discipling does Paul encourage Titus, as leader to do?

Digging Deeper: Throughout this chapter Paul is showing us what it looks like to disciple one another in a believing community. 1 Thessalonians 2:8 portrays two aspects of discipleship that we see in Titus. What are the two parts?



Paul instructed Titus to be an example to the believers on Crete and to teach them. He shows us what it looks like to be an example when in his letter to the Thessalonians he says “sharing our very lives with you”. This is part of how we disciple someone. We share our lives with them. We invite them into our home and activities, where the rubber meets the road. Where belief and behavior are joined. We don’t need to be perfect to do this. Even in our failures we have the chance to model grace, humility and forgiveness. Much like raising children it is during these times of living life together that we find opportunity for the other part of discipleship, which is more formal teaching. Reflect on the following:

- ❖ Paul said in 1 Corinthians 11:1, “Follow me as I follow Christ.” Are you following Christ in your everyday life in a way that would help a younger believer understand what it is to live a godly life in an ungodly world?
- ❖ How can you incorporate discipleship into your life at the stage you are in?
- ❖ Why could it be important to have your child in a mentoring relationship with another trusted believer?

Day 3- Titus 2:9-10

4. If we look at a bondservant or slave as the employee of today, what characteristics and attitudes will a godly employee be displaying according to verse 9 and 10?

5. How is this kind of godly living in the workplace different than the legalistic standard of doing the bare minimum that is required?

-How does this kind of godly living make the message of God look beautiful?

Digging Deeper: Look up Colossians 3:22-24. What is a Christian employee's motivation regardless of the workplace situation? How is this helpful?

Picture and Ponder: "For those who are under authority, the gospel produces godly service that provides an opportunity for gospel proclamation. Thus Paul put into action a strategy of servant evangelism whereby everyone in a position of service, everyone under authority, sees before them a fertile and open field for evangelism. Here is their mission field; here is their place of ministry. . .It will not be by accident that you are in this position. A sovereign God put you there so that, by your life, those who see you will also see the beauty of your Lord, the beauty of Jesus as you serve others just as you would Jesus."
-David Platt, Daniel L. Akin, and Tony Merida, Exalting Jesus in 1&2 Timothy and Titus.

Day 4- Titus 2:11-14

*Verses 11-14 reveal the source and the motivation for living the godly life Paul describes and exhorts in verses 1-10. In verses 11-12 Paul is telling us **what** grace teaches us.*

Digging Deeper: In verses 11 and 13 Paul states that the *grace of God* has appeared (past tense) and we wait for the *glory of God* to appear (future tense). We are living in between these two times, which Paul calls the present age in verse 12.

-Look up John 1:14, Colossians 1:15, 19. How are the grace of God and the glory of God revealed?

-Look up 1 Corinthians 15:3-4. What is God's past grace to us in Jesus?

-Look up Revelation 1:7, Job 19:25, Colossians 3:4. How will God's future glory be revealed in Jesus?

Picture and Ponder: "I live as though Christ died yesterday, rose again today, and is coming again tomorrow." -Martin Luther

6. What does God's grace to us in Jesus teach or train us to turn away from or renounce according to verse 12?

7. From verse 12b what does God's grace train us to do:

in how we relate to ourselves-

in how we relate to others-

in how we related to God-

8. If Paul was telling us to renounce our worldly desires and be self-controlled with no power or motivation other than our own determination, how would that make you feel?

Day 5- Titus 2:11-15

*Paul is explaining in verses 13 and 14 **how** the grace and glory of God teaches us to live godly lives.*

9. How does living in light of God's future glory in Jesus train us to live a godly life?

Picture and Ponder: "The prospect of glory is the prospect of seeing and enjoying the glory of the God who is better, fuller and richer. Choosing God instead of the immediate and visible pleasures of sin can be tough. It is an act of faith. But faith recognizes that ultimately God in Christ is always better, fuller and richer. And glory will be the fulfillment, realization and culmination of that present faith. -Tim Chester, Titus for You

10. How does verse 14 describe the kind of Savior we have?

-How does knowing you are loved in this sacrificial way impact you?

11. What is the first reason verse 14 mentions as to why Jesus gave himself for us?

-How does knowing you have been bought at a very great price and set free from sin help you to turn away from sin?

12. What is the second reason verse 14 mentions as to why Jesus gave his life for us?

-How does knowing you are God's own dearly loved child motivate you to do good works?



In verse 15 Paul tells Titus to “declare these things”. The precious truths that we are dearly loved by God, redeemed at great cost to him and freed from our slavery to sin and then brought in to his family as his own, treasured child and will someday be in glory with Jesus- this is what we must daily declare to ourselves if we would live a godly life that honors our Savior.

We want to focus on strategies, steps and methods, which is our fleshly default setting. Instead, let us focus on what God has done and will do for us. This, Paul tells us, is the fuel that drives us to turn away from sinful desires and ungodliness and live a godly life for our good and God’s glory.

- ❖ Spend some time today meditating on the truths in this passage.
- ❖ Ask God to help these truths take root in your heart so that you desire to live a godly life that is pleasing to him.

One Thing: Look back over this week’s study. Pick one thing that God impressed on you, convicted you about, or something new that you learned and write it here.

How will knowing this impact the way you think and act?