

Titus – Chapter Three

Good works: Titus 2:7; 2:14; 3:5; 3:8; 3:14 (Ref: Matt. 5:16; Eph. 2:10; Col. 1:10; Heb10:24; IPeter 2:12)

Works product of our faith: James 2:14-26/Mathew 25:31-40

v. 1 – Put them in mind (let them internalize so they will act without prompting) to obey the rulers (king, emperor), and local authorities. Always ready to do good works.

v.2 – Speaking evil of no man (we do not blaspheme anyone) Don't tend toward arguing and being contentious (brawlers), but on the contrary, gentle (FORBEARING) and meek (KIND AND COURTEOUS) toward EVERYONE (whether you think they deserve it or not)

v.3 – remembering that we were once foolish (thoughtless), disobedient (self-willed and obstinate), deceived and slaves to our lusts and desires, wasting our days in malice, jealousy, envy, hated and hating one another. This is who we were, not who we are now because.....

v.4 – 7 –God showed his goodness and kindness to man and saved us, not because of any righteousness that we had done, but it was his mercy and grace. He cleansed us by regeneration (we were born again) and renewing by the Holy Ghost, that we might be justified by his grace and be made heirs of eternal life. (So be kind to everyone because we were once them).

v.8 – Affirm strongly that the saints, the believers apply themselves to good works, works that are honorable, doing good and helpful things. These things are good and good for the people.

v. 9 – avoid foolish questions (which lead to unfruitful disputes) and genealogies (attached many times to myths), and arguments about the law. They lead to nothing.

v. 10,11 – Someone who chooses to believe and speak that which is contrary to the truth, correct a couple of times and then let him go, knowing that is warped and twisted and he goes on sinning, though he is convicted of guilt and condemns himself.

v.12, 13 – In conclusion: When I< Paul, send Artemas or Tychicus to Crete, you, Titus, meet me in Nicopolis where I plan to spend the winter. Send Zenas and Apollos on their journey with everything that they need.

v.14 – And let our people apply themselves to good deeds (honorable employment) so as to be able to help in urgent cases of need should they arise, and not be idle and unfruitful.

v. 15 – Greetings from all with me. Greet those that love us in the faith. Grace be with you all!