

Doing What Is Good

READ: Titus 3:1-2, 8, 14

Remind the believers to submit to the government and its officers. They should be obedient, always ready to do what is good. ²They must not slander anyone and must avoid quarreling. Instead, they should be gentle and show true humility to everyone.

⁸This is a trustworthy saying, and I want you to insist on these teachings so that all who trust in God will devote themselves to doing good. These teachings are good and beneficial for everyone.

¹⁴Our people must learn to do good by meeting the urgent needs of others; then they will not be unproductive.

REFLECT: What does Paul repeatedly tell us to do in these verses? (vv. 1,8,14)

At the end of Titus 2, Paul explained how God's amazing grace changes our lives. Titus 3 goes on to explain that living a Godly life means we no longer live in patterns of sin. Instead we should do what is good. We don't do good works to earn God's favor. We do good works because God has given us His mercy and grace. It is proof that we love Him and are living for Him. When we do what is good we shine God's light in the world and this causes people to praise God (Matt 5:16). So how can we do what is good?

- (1) Doing good is shown by first listening to the teachings of God's word and obeying them (v. 8). When we love others, show joy, and are kind to others we are doing good.
- (2) Doing good is shown by submitting to those in authority over you – your parents, teachers and the government (v. 1). It means you obey with a good attitude. You don't argue, complain, or talk back when a parent tells/asks you to do something (Phil. 2:14).
- (3) Doing good, also, is shown by being gentle with others and helping those who are in need (v. 14). We are doing good when we are merciful and gracious as God has been merciful and gracious to us. We are being the light that points others to God.

RESPOND: What are at least three ways you can do good for God or others this week?

Thank God for His Word which shows us how to live and do good. Pray for God to help you do what is good so you can shine like a light and many will praise God's great name.

Thank God for: _____

Pray for: _____