

# A Thriving Church is Fruitful

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## Titus 3:12-15

A healthy \_\_\_\_\_ begins with healthy \_\_\_\_\_ that influences, through healthy \_\_\_\_\_, the whole body to spiritually grow in healthy \_\_\_\_\_.

## HOW DO WE LEARN TO DEVOTE OURSELVES TO GOOD WORKS SO THAT WE ARE A THRIVING CHURCH?

### 1. A thriving church \_\_\_\_\_ healthy culture

Create, Cultivate, and Care for a thriving church

- Leadership that \_\_\_\_\_ in and \_\_\_\_\_ from sound teaching and Christ-like living (Titus 1:5-2:1)
- Shepherding culture that \_\_\_\_\_ from being spiritually unfruitful (Titus 1:10-16; 3:9-11)
- Imparts \_\_\_\_\_ influence that fosters Christ-like character (Titus 2:2-10)
- Everyone remembers, relives, retells, and rejoices in Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ work (Titus 2:11-3:8)

### 2. A thriving church \_\_\_\_\_ to do good works (v 14)

- "Devote" -

## Pressing Needs

- Titus to \_\_\_\_\_ the churches in Crete for either Artemas or Tychicus to take over
- Titus to \_\_\_\_\_ Zenas and Apollos to meet Paul in Nicopolis where he planned to stay for the winter
- The believers in Crete to " \_\_\_\_\_ " Zenas the lawyer and Apollos who would travel with Titus

Fruitful believers don't have to be \_\_\_\_\_. They just have to be \_\_\_\_\_.

### 3. A thriving church \_\_\_\_\_ Christ grown fruit (v 14)

- *2 Peter 3:3-8*
- *Galatians 5:22-24*

### 4. A thriving church \_\_\_\_\_ abides in Jesus to be fruitful

- *John 15:1-8*

*“Above all, remember, Christ is the Vine of God’s planting, and you are a branch of God’s grafting. Stand always before God, in Christ—waiting for all grace from God, in Christ. Yielding yourself to bear the ‘more fruit’ for which the Husbandman asks, in Christ. And pray much for the revelation of the mystery that all the love and power of God that rested on Christ is working in you, too. ‘I am God’s Vine,’ Jesus says, ‘All I am I have from Him; all I am is for you; God will work it in you.’[1]  
-Andrew Murray*

[1] Andrew Murray, *The True Vine* (New Kensington, PA: Whitaker House, 2002).