

TITUS PRIMER | "MAINTAIN GOOD WORKS" | Titus 3:8-9 | LESSON 10

I) INTRO / REVIEW

① Acknowledging^{of} the truth which is after godliness

• If there was ever a question that the Christ an should walk in good works

↳ Titus answer is clear

• The truth works in the life of the believers and becomes good works

② Titus is being exhorted to lead, shepherd his church in such a way that these things would become and to be zealous, fervent, and fast in doing this.

③ If it is ever unclear that the capacity and sufficiency of grace exceeds beyond salvation from the debt & penalty of our sins, Titus makes clear grace teaches us how to live, that we may become things of ^{sound} doctrine.

④ If it is ever unclear of the breadth of grace, that grace doesn't teach how to live as a young adult, aged adult, man, woman, at work, or under gov't, Titus makes clear the expanse of grace, truly it teaches us in all things

• We have more of the same in our final two lessons - :8-15

• Focus on :8-9

II) PREVIEW:

① A - nother Faithful Saying

② Affirmation - God - Maintain

③ The Profitability of Good Works

III) SERMON:

• Remember what was shed on us" (:5-7)

① "A" - nother Faithful Saying

[1:8] "This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men."

["This"] - believed in God might be careful to maintain good works

What? ① "is a faithful saying"

When? ② "affirm constantly"

Why? ③ "good & profitable unto men"

• "this" - "these things" = things the this epistle

["faithful saying"]

① "saying" - doctrine packaged concisely

• depth communicated simply

• simplicity provides for:

① easy remembrance

② quick access

③ flexible transport

② "faithful" - descriptor of the saying

• more so → who said it? God! [Tit. 1:1-2; 1 Cor 1:9, 10:13; 1 Th. 5:24; 2 Th. 3:3; 2 Tim. 2:13]
• 1 Pet. 4:19; Rev. 19:11

• faithful because it comes from the Faithful one

• faithful because it is His Word

• everlasting, effectual

• ISA. 55:11

③ faithful sayings

① 1 Tim 1:15

② 1 Tim. 4:8-9

③ 2 Tim. 2:11-14

["I will that thou affirm constantly"]

• The faithful one giving a faithful saying provides exhortation regarding our role with it

- similar to 2 Tim. 4:1-4
2 Tim. 3:14-17

• "affirm" - to assert positively; to tell w/ confidence

• to declare solemnly before a court or magistrate (:1-3)

• only used in a wrong sense

• 1 Tim. 1:7 - law

• teachers of the law can never produce what it demanded

◦ patient continuance in well-doing

• Tit. 2:12 - grace does

• "constantly" - consistent with faithfulness

◦ continually, perseveringly

1. "that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works"

① God is faithful

② Saying is faithful

③ Teacher is faithful

④ Believers be faithful

"careful" - only time used

◦ exercise thought (1 Tim. 4:8, 15ff)

◦ Rom. 8, Eph 5:14-17

• "to maintain good works"

↳ to set or place before

↳ to be a protector

◦ ruleth (1.7.3:1)

◦ over

Rom. 8:28

Eph 2:10; 1 Tim 4:8

1 Cor. 2:7

• How we rule over evil is by good works? (Rom. 12:21)

1. "These things are good and profitable unto men."

• "are good" - definitive (good not by what they are but in their effect)

• "and profitable" - they benefit men, they give men something

"unto men."

↳ we are to seek the profit of others by our good works

• Php. 2:3-4; 1 Cor. 10:32-33;

• Rom. 14; Gal. 6:9-10, 5:13

[19] "But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain."

- Contrast of :8

- Remember 1:9-14