

TITUS PRIMER | "GOOD WORKS ARE NECESSARY" | TITUS 3:10-15 | LESSON 11

I Intro / REVIEW

① Faithful Saying

- sound doctrine packaged concisely
- easy remembrance
- quick access
- 1 Tim. 1:15 - Salvation, Pattern
- 1 Tim. 4:8-9 - Godliness Pattern Profitable Now & To Come
- 2 Tim. 2:11-14 - Profit of Resigning with Christ
- Titus 3:8 - Preserve

② Faithful Saying

- Constant Affirmation
- Maintain Good Works

II PREVIEW:

① Contextually identifying the heretick

ⓐ The response to the heretick

② Learn to maintain good works

ⓐ Necessary Uses

III SERMON:

① Contextually identifying the heretick

[10] - "A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition *rejects*"

- This heretick term seems to come from no where - but does not
- One thing we must recognize that although we may not like this concept it is God's word and there is reason for it
- Therefore, we must not, especially the elders and deacons, the overseers of the church, shun this responsibility.

① Titus 1:7-9 - "able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince gainsayers"

② 2 Tim. 2:24-26 - "instruct those that oppose themselves"

③ 1 Tim. 3:2 - "vigilant"

• along with "fighting the good fight" as a good soldier

• told to

- not give heed
- deliver to Satan
- refuse
- put them in mind

• rebuke

• withdraw myself

• charge

• avoid

• be not ashamed

• endure hardness

• shun

• reprove, rebuke, exhort

• mouths must be stopped

• We are charged to do all that yet with this balance:

- charity out of pure heart
of good conscience
of faith unfeigned

- holding faith
- blameless
- sober

• good behaviour

• patient

• not strive or brawl

• don't be partial

• meekness

• be strong

• not strive

• gentle

• longsuffer

• just

• holy

• temperate

• sound speech

• The reason we are charged to do these things while being & displaying these other things is because of truth & the responses & displays of truth

(profound words) • Fables & Endless genealogies (ix)

• Minister questions

• Swerved, turned aside unto vain jangling
• Teachers of the law

• Blasphemy

• Depart from the faith

• Give heed to seducing spirits & doctrines of devils

• Speak lies in hypocrisy:

• Subvert teachers

• Concerning truth err

• Overthrow the faith of some

• Creep into houses, lead silly women away

• Resist truth

• Reprobate

• Evil men & seducers, wax worse & worse

• Turn ears from the truth (ix)

• Subvert whole houses

• Commandments of men

• Profess God, but deny Him in works

• abominable, disobedient, reprobate

• Proud, knowing nothing

• Doting about questions

• Strifes of words (strive about words to no prof. t)

• Perverse disputings

• Corrupt minds

• Destitute of truth

• Engaged in hurtful lusts

• Highminded

• Profane & Vain babblings

• Foolish & unlearned questions

• Have form of godliness, but deny power

• Ever learn but never come to the knowledge of
the truth

• Deceiving & being deceived

• Withstand words

• Gainsayers, vain talkers, deceivers

• Teach things they ought not

• Mind & conscience defiled

• In view of all the opposition we are exhorted to:

- teach no other doctrine
- put brethren in remembrance
- exercise unto godliness
- teach & exhort
- apt to teach
- Manifest His word through preaching
- be an example
- Command & teach
- Meditate (give yourself wholly)
- hold fast the form of sound words
- Know doctrine
- continue in the doctrine
- labour in the word and doctrine
- Study
- Preach the word

• Therefore we understand

- Generally a heretick is one that fits in the aforementioned group
- Specifically we need to consider a few things:
 - ① Conduct (1 Cor. 5 - leaven) → Rom. 16:17-18 (subtlety - 2 Cor 11:4)
 - ② Doctrinal (Mat. 16:6 - leaven) → Col. 2:8

• ~~Due~~ to the potential overthrow & subverting that could be done we are to be vigilant in our discernment

• Notice, "after the first and second admonition"

- ① This provides for assessment & examination - correcter
- ② Also provides for growth & development - corrected

① The "heretick"

① only time used by Paul (term not concept)

• one that causes schism, disunion, → soweth discord, dissenter (either in doctrine or conduct that becomes the sound doctrine)
• 1 Cor. 12:25
↳ sect (Acts 5:17, 15:5, 24:5, 26:5, 28:24)

• How to discern the schismatic, the heretick

- Tit. 1:1-3, 2:1
- 2 Tim. 3:14-17

② Heresy (heresies) are works of the flesh - kin to strife, envy, 2 Cor 12:20
• GAL 5:20
↳ they are against His kingdom (Rom 14:17)

③ Believers & unbelievers can participate in heresy

① Believer - 1 Cor. 11:19

② Unbeliever - 2 Pet. 2:1

• Here the heretic:

① engaged in foolish questions, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law

• hearkens to Tit. 1:10-16 (1 Tim. 1:3-11)

• caught up in Galatianism

• Either genuinely wrong (like Saul)

• or, bewitched (Gal 3:1) because Paul plainly & clearly (2 Cor 3) exposed the purpose of the law in contrast to the darkness & dishonesty held by some concerning the law

② are to be given, by longsuffering for their conviction, time to recover themselves

④ two admonitions (mouth of two or three witnesses)

① personal → Matt. 18:15, Gal. 6:1

② two or more → Matt. 18:16, 1 Tim. 5:19 (2 Cor. 13:1)

③ whole church → Matt. 18:17, 1 Cor 5:1-8

• 2 Cor. 2:6-9

⑤ "admonition" - calling attention → guarding against evil

• more than caution & warning

• comprehends a strong forcible representation of the evil dreaded

• 1 Cor. 10:5-12

• looks to the past (1 Cor 10:1-10) and future (1 Cor 10:14) to keep them from further commission of the offence

• to put them on guard that they may abstain from a similar offence

• mostly for the weak, babes, children

• 1 Cor. 10:11

• Eph. 6:4

③ If the heresy persists then Titus is to move to rejection

• not keep company (church told)

• excuse from fellowship

• refuse communion (1 Tim. 4:7)

• avoid engagement (2 Tim. 2:23)

[11] - "Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself."

• after such deliberate & purposeful admonition if heresies we are to reject knowing this is what is going on

① is subverted - "perverse" (1 Tim 6:5)

↳ overthrown; overturned

② and sinneth - not some misunderstanding, or miscommunication

③ being condemned of himself - he is his own worst enemy not heeding the admonition for his edification, gain, and profit

• one that opposes himself (2 Tim 2:25-26)

[12-13] - Brief Note

[14] - "And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful"

② Learn to maintain good works

• Such faithfulness and careful oversight is to be employed because of the necessary use of good works, that is, to be fruitful

• A final echo of Tit 3:8 and summary of Tit 1:7-9 directly applied to the leaders

• Fruitful → to make others that they may bear fruit

• Rom. 14:17; Php 1:9-11

• Eph 4:28 - 2nd