

Titus 3:8-15 Behavior Befitting To Grace

Verse 8

Trustworthy statement - Literally “*a faithful word*”

See 1 Timothy 1:15, 3:1, 4:9, 2 Timothy 2:11

These things - The message of verses 4-7

Speak confidently – Affirm strongly

so that... The message of God’s grace should produce results in our behavior. However it is not automatic! We must be *careful* to engage in good deeds.

These things – refers to our good deeds

Good and profitable for men - Both for believers and unbelievers

Verse 9

In Relation to False Teachers:

Shun:

-Foolish controversies

-Genealogies

-Strife

-Disputes about the Law

Why? These things... “*are unprofitable and worthless.*”

Verse 10

Reject – Refuse, have nothing to do with

“*But have nothing to do with worldly fables...*”

1 Timothy 4:7

After a first and second warning - If a person does not change after two warnings he is to be avoided and refused a platform to speak.

Verse 11

Why?

-He is perverted

-He is sinning

-He is self-condemned

Concluding Remarks – Verses 12-15

Artemas – Only mentioned here

Tychicus – Five times

“...*Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord...*” Ephesians 6:21

Zenas the lawyer – Only here

Apollos – Ten times

“...*an eloquent man... he was mighty in the scriptures.*” Acts 18:24

So that nothing is lacking –

The perfect opportunity for a grace based good deed is monetary support.

Let our people also –

The responsibility of all believers is to engage in good deeds to meet the needs of other people and ministry.

Unfruitful – The result of selfish living

Grace be with you all - The letter begins with grace and ends with grace!

The ‘*you all*’ is plural indicating that the letter was to be read publicly.

The Theme of Titus – Grace that produces good works!