

THE BOOK OF TITUS

TRUTH THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

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Something For Everyone

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.

But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Galatians 5:16-18

SOUND DOCTRINE PRODUCES GODLY BEHAVIOR

Titus 2:1-5

- ¹ You, however, must teach what is appropriate to sound doctrine.
- ² Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance.
- ³ Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good.
- ⁴ Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children, ⁵ to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, **so that** no one will malign the word of God.

"We should be so joyful from God's grace that others would respond by saying 'I wish I had your God.'"

– Francis Chan

GODLY BEHAVIOR ATTRACTS THE LOST

Titus 1:6-10

⁶ Similarly, encourage the **young men** to be self-controlled. ⁷ In everything set them **an example** by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness ⁸ and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, **so that** those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.

⁹ Teach **slaves** to be subject to their masters in everything, to try to please them, not to talk back to them, ¹⁰ and not to steal from them, but to show that they can be fully trusted, **so that** in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive.

"Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings."

Apostle Paul 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

A GRACE-FILLED LIFE

Titus 1:11-15

¹¹ For the **grace** of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹² It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

¹⁵ These, then, are the things you should teach. Encourage and rebuke with all authority. Do not let anyone despise you.

"Grace does not depend on what we have done for God but rather what God has done for us. Ask people what they must do to get to heaven and most reply, "Be good." Jesus' stories contradict that answer. All we must do is cry, "Help!"

– Philip Yancey