



The following is the summary of the Sunday sermon that is sent to the body at Steadfast in an email called "The Weekly"

Titus 3:1-8

A Clear Picture

Why is it so important that our life is filled with good deeds? Good deeds are what provides a clear picture of the gospel of the grace of God to a watching world. In the life of a believer, good deeds are the result of God's grace at work in their life. The problem is when our deeds don't match our doctrine or when our living doesn't match our learning. When this is the case, we provide a fuzzy picture of Christ to the world. In Titus 3:1-8, Paul drives home the importance of good deeds in the life of the believer that flows from good doctrine. Sound doctrine produces godly living. In these verses, we see that godly living includes being a good citizen. Respecting governing authorities and obeying the law is part of godly living. Showing consideration for all people through our words and actions demonstrates God's grace through Christ in our lives. Paul reminds us who we were without Christ and the initiative God took on our behalf. There's no room for pride! We were saved because of Him and Him alone. The indwelling Holy Spirit regenerates (to experience new birth, to be born again) us the moment we place our faith in Christ. He also renews us, helping us live out this new life we have in Christ. Good deeds, in the life of a believer, demonstrates the work of God's grace through Christ in their life. They also provide a clear picture of the gospel of God's grace to the watching world. As you seek to apply this passage to your life, ask yourself these questions:

- **Does my life provide a consistent clear picture of the gospel of the grace of God?** If I am growing in my understanding of the magnitude of God's grace through Jesus Christ, my actions and how I view others will be radically impacted. How else will the world see God's grace through Christ?
- **What opportunities do those who don't know Jesus have to see the grace of God in my life?** How are we going to help the world see the grace of God through our good deeds if we are never around the world? To learn more, I encourage you to get online

and listen to the message. Do you know and have friends that don't know Jesus? What about your kids? We are the picture to the watching world of what Jesus like!

John Wesley once said, "Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can."

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