

GOD'S PEOPLE SHOULD BE CAREFUL TO DO GOOD

Titus 3:1–15

Key Verse: 3:8

“This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.”

1. What attitude should God's people have toward rulers and authorities? (1a) Toward everyone? (1b–2) How would this reveal the character of Christ and give a good Christian influence? Why is this important? (2:10b)
2. How did we used to live? (3) To what historical event does verse 4 refer? (2:11; cf. 1Jn1:2) What did Jesus do for us? (5a) Why does Paul remind us of God's one-sided mercy in our lives?
3. How did God save us? (5b–6; 1Co6:11) How and in what manner did he give us the Holy Spirit? How is his generous outpouring of the Spirit essential in changing us? What is his ultimate purpose for us? (7) What can we learn in verses 4–7 about God's nature?
4. Read verse 8. What is the trustworthy saying? (5; cf. 1Ti1:15) What are “these things”? (3–7) Note the repetition in this chapter of “doing good” (1,8,14). How does God's grace motivate everyone to be devoted to doing good? Why should we be careful to live this way? (8b)
5. What should we avoid, and why? (9) How should a leader deal with people engaged in these things? (10) What did Paul want Titus to know about such people? (11)
6. What were Paul's personal requests? (12–13) Why should God's people learn to do what is good? (14) How did Paul conclude this letter?