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Titus – “Hold fast the faithful word”

Session 8

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“A pattern of good works”

A **“pattern”** is something that can be traced or followed. In this passage, Paul emphasizes to Titus the importance of not only teaching, but living out God’s Word; of being an example that others can follow in their own walk. How can we expect our words to be taken seriously by others if we ourselves don’t seek to live by them in all sober-mindedness; displaying a **“pattern of good works”** with all **“integrity, reverence”** and **“incorruptibility”**? Examine yourself to see whether your life is **“adorned”** with **“good works”** that reflect your **“doctrine.”** Is the pattern of your life worthy to be copied or condemned?

Passage: Titus 2:7-10 (NKJV)

Personal Study Time Questions:

Scripture: Titus 2:7a

Paul tells Titus to not just talk it, but to walk it. In verse 6, Paul commands Titus to “exhort the young men”. Obviously, we can exhort with our words. But what is another way to exhort, according to verse 7?

Scripture: Titus 2:7-8

What character traits does Paul say we are **“showing”** when we are sober-minded about living out the sound doctrine we proclaim? When we live like this, what does it do to our **“opponents”**, according to verse 8?

Scripture: Titus 2:9; John 14:21-23

What does Paul tell Titus to exhort “**bondservants**” to do and NOT do in this verse? What are we seeking to do by this? What does the passage in John say a relationship with Jesus and the Father is like when we “**keep**” (obey) His Word?

Scripture: Titus 2:10

The idea of “**pilfering**” relates to servants stealing from their masters; therefore, living in a dishonest relationship with their master. In contrast, what does this verse call a bondservant to do?

Scripture: Titus 2:10

What does our “**fidelity**” to obey Christ do? How far does this verse call us to go in our obedience?

Personal meditation time with Jesus:

As you meditate on this week’s message, read Philippians 3:12-21. Notice in verse 17, Paul says to “note those who so **WALK**”; not those who so **TALK**. Think about what this says about the connection between our doctrine and our good works. How can a “**pattern of good works**” help open doors to share the sound doctrine of God’s Word with others? Of course, none of us is perfect, so an opponent could always find something to condemn. What attitude or spirit do you see in Philippians 3:12-16 that could give you an honest and humble answer when an “**opponent**” points out some wrong in your life? When you consider all this, what (or who) do you think you “adorn” yourself with when you try to walk according to sound doctrine?

Hide God's Word in your heart (Ps. 119:11):

“Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.”

Philippians 3:17