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Titus – “Hold fast the faithful word”

Session 12

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“Steadfastness in good works”

Paul has laid out for the disciple of Jesus Christ the calling to good works; both within the church, as well as outside the church. Now he exhorts Titus to **“affirm constantly”** (*strongly & confidently*) that these things that have been taught are not meant to be occasional good deeds, but a way of life; something they are to be **“careful to maintain.”** Our salvation, our life in Christ, was obtained by the precious blood of Jesus. It is not something to be taken lightly, as if attendance on Sunday or a few good deeds can affirm our gratitude. We must be **“careful”** (*thoughtful*) to **“maintain”** (*superintend; be a guardian over*) the good works that express that we are recipients of God’s amazing grace! Is this the attitude you live your life by? Let’s encourage one another to love and good works, so that the church will truly be a light to the world around us, and draw many to salvation in Jesus Christ.

Passage: Titus 3:8 (NKJV)

Personal Study Time Questions:

Scripture: Titus 3:8; 2 Peter 1:12-15

How often is Titus told to **“affirm”** the things Paul has been saying in this Letter? Peter also writes with the same intent in his Letter; not being **“negligent to remind”** the church of what he wrote about. What does it say motivated Peter’s concern to be sure and remind them? Do you think you should have the same urgency in the use of your time?

Scripture: Titus 3:8; 2:6-7a

Paul’s admonition to Titus to **“be careful”** to maintain good works is the same idea he spoke about in chapter 2 when he spoke to Titus about the young men of the church. What does it say Titus was to exhort them in?

Scripture: Titus 3:8; 1 Corinthians 15:56-58

Paul's exhortation to be careful to "***maintain good works***" is echoed in his Letter to the Corinthian church. What did he say should be our response of thanks to God for the victory we have in Christ?

Scripture: Titus 3:8; 2 Timothy 2:14; Romans 1:16

Paul says our maintaining good works will be "***profitable***" for men. One of those good works is in using our words profitably. In 2 Timothy, Paul warns us to not "***strive over words.***" What does he warn will be the result if we do? In contrast, what profit or fruit comes when we use our words for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

Personal meditation time with Jesus:

Read 2 Thessalonians 3:13 and Hebrews 6:9-12, and consider this week's passage. It is easy in this life to grow weary in doing good when we see the world around us getting worse and worse; not to mention our own struggles to walk in faith and obedience. How does the Hebrews passage help encourage you to "***not grow weary in doing good***" and to "***maintain good works***"?

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

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

1 Corinthians 15:58

