



TITUS



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DEVOTIONS



****If you do not have a Bible please let us know and we would be happy to get you one****

PROLOGUE:

Paul left Titus in charge of the new church on the island of Crete. In this letter, Paul lays out instructions for this young leader on how to run the church, how to select leaders, and why godly living matters. At first glance, we might think this is a list of do's and don'ts. Looking deeper, however, we see that Paul is explaining that our faith compels us to obey certain dicatates. Our obedience to God will show those around us who He is and what He has done in our lives.

DAY 1

*READ
Titus 1:1-8*



Leadership has become a buzzword. Schools want to train our children to be leaders. Employers want to develop leaders. You can go to seminars to learn to be a leader and can read books that unlock your leadership potential. What stands out to me in Paul's advice to Titus about appointing overseers is that it did not look like the list I usually make, consciously or subconsciously, when I look for leaders.

Like most people, I am drawn to follow people who are strong, successful, hardworking, independent, attractive, talented, and smart. Now, none of these are bad things! But, we should take note when our list of qualifications differs from God's. Titus is to appoint leaders who are self controlled, upright, holy (steps away from sin), and disciplined.

As a leader, do I model the traits on God's list?

Do I choose to follow people who are self controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined?

Notes

DAY 2
(Reading only)
Titus 1:10-16

BEFORE YOU READ TODAY:

Don't get distracted by comments in this letter that don't make sense to us today. Paul was giving directions for those who lived on Crete in 60 AD. His ultimate goal was sharing the gospel, and no matter what state people found themselves in, they could make the most of their opportunities. Today, women are no longer confined to the home, but that was where their responsibilities laid at the time of this letter. Paul also speaks to slaves. Praise the Lord we do not allow slavery anymore! At the time of this letter though, slavery was a common reality for both conquered peoples and those with debts.

DAY 3

READ
Titus 2:1-8



You have heard the phrase “Practice what you preach.”

The letter from Paul to Titus puts it another way: Practice before you preach. This isn't just a list of dos and don'ts. Paul is saying you need to watch how you live, so that you have a leg to stand on when you share the gospel. The older women were to watch how they lived, so that they could teach the younger women.

Titus, too, was to set an example. If he was careful to live a life worthy of the gospel, no one would refuse to hear the gospel simply because of their negative run ins with Christians.

We know that the gospel message is not based on what we do, but on what Christ has done. This is 100 percent true. But there are those out there who do not yet know that, and you will have a greater chance of sharing Jesus with them if you live in a way that reflects His heart.

Notes

DAY 4
(Reading only)
Titus 2:11 - 3:2

DAY 5

READ

Titus 3:3 - 3:15
Ezekiel 36:26-28



God promised to rescue and heal His people. In the 36th chapter of the Old Testament book of Ezekiel, God promises through the prophet:

²⁶ I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. ²⁸ Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God.

Here in Titus, 600 years later, we read how God fulfilled that promise. God took out our hearts of stone, which used to make us foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. Living in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. Now, through the Spirit we have hearts of flesh. We can feel again. We can be tender to what matters to God. We have been freed from dysfunctional living - let's not go back!

In the book of Titus, we have building blocks for godly living. Applying these in our homes, in our church, in our work, and in our play will bless our lives and help us share the gospel. But don't forget, the enemy hates unity, peace, and productive lives. He wants nothing more than to have us be lazy, foolish, and disobedient. His method is to divide and conquer. So be careful of the wolves, the false teachers who sneak in trying to create foolish arguments about things that don't matter in order to distract and divide the flock.

Notes

Bring to service for message notes!

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GROUPS teaser questions

- 1. Has there been a time when you gave someone specific instructions on how to do something, and they didn't follow the instructions? What was the outcome?*
- 2. Have you ever felt like the "christian walk" is a list of do's and don'ts? What do's and don'ts come to mind?*