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Titus 3:8-15

[8] The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people. [9] But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. [10] As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, [11] knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.

[12] When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. [13] Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. [14] And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful. [15] All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all.

Sermon Outline:

1. Profitable Things To Do (8)
2. Unprofitable Things To Avoid (9-11)
3. Helping Those Doing Good Deeds (12-15)

Life Group Leader Notes:



Weekly Discussion Guide

- We finished the book of Titus this Sunday! What were your main takeaways from our study in this book? What verses stuck out to you? What did you learn? How has your life changed?
- If you were talking to a non-believer who said that all roads eventually lead to heaven, what would you say? How would you describe the main difference between Christianity and every other religion? How do those differences change the way we live?
- Why is it important for the instructions on good deeds (3:8-15) be so closely connected to the gospel (3:1-7)? What would happen to your group if you *only* focused on doing good deeds (3:8-15), but never talked about the gospel? What would happen to your group if you *only* gathered in a living room every week to talk about the gospel (3:1-7), but never applied it with good deeds? How can your group do both well this year?
- The good deeds of Christians are profitable to *all men* (3:8). What would your group be missing if you suddenly stopped coming? What would your community be missing if your life group stopped reaching out to the community?
- When you think about church discipline, what kind of offenses typically come to mind? Have you ever considered *divisiveness* to be worthy of church discipline (3:10-11)? Does this surprise you, or does it make sense in light of what Paul has been teaching in the book of Titus?
 - Read Proverbs 26:20-21. What metaphor does Solomon use to describe divisive behavior in these verses? What is the recommended course of action to resolve the problem according to the Proverbs' wisdom?
 - Did the discussion on divisiveness convict anyone in the group? Does anyone need to repent of being divisive or getting caught up in foolish controversies?
 - Are there any controversial subjects that you really enjoy? Topics that don't really matter in the long run, but stuff that you're passionate about? How can you guard against getting caught up in foolish discussions? Are there ways that you can spin out of these conversations before they begin?
- In the final section, Paul encouraged the church to meet pressing needs and to help those who are meeting pressing needs. This is a great opportunity to apply the truths of Titus in your group.
 - Are there any pressing needs in your life group that the rest of you can meet? If you move toward this need, do you think that God will provide you with the strength and resources to meet the need?
 - Are there any pressing needs in your community that your life group is particularly suited to meet? What is holding you back?
 - Is there anyone in your group or in the church that is doing good that your group can support? How can you obey the words of Titus 8:13 and *see that they lack nothing*.

