

Curriculum



SAMPLE

Titus: The Godly Life

The Meaning of a Godly Life
The Character of a Godly Life
The Test of a Godly Life

A sample study from the Titus volume begins on the following page.



LEARN: Overview

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1 Agenda – Introduces applicable Biblical principles



2 Group Leader Guide – Facilitates discussion and allows for shared leadership



3 Recap – Encourages community and application



LIVE: Sample Titus

It is because of who God is and His love for us that we are to respond by living a Godly life. While your work may not be overtly spiritual, there are still ways to live out your faith at work. These good actions utilizing specific character qualities that Paul lays out for success, he says, are proof of the Gospel.

Volume includes 3 lessons:

1. **The Meaning of a Godly Life**
2. **The Character of a Godly Life**
3. **The Test of a Godly Life**

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Dancing Lessons

It's like taking ballroom dance lessons in a bear trap showroom: 1...2...3, 1...2...Oops! Snap! 1...2...3 Watch your step! It's something like that for Christians, as we seek to live unlike the world, yet still live in the world so that others would want to live for God. It's a sticky one. Yet, we are compelled by the kind, loving, merciful Christ to continue the dance. Who do you know that does well at dancing through this corrupt world, while living a Godly life and communicating God's message? This discussion on Titus 3 provides some dancing lessons in being ready to do good, the basis for doing good and the importance of confronting false teachers.

Titus 3

This letter from the apostle Paul charges his associate Titus with choosing elders of good conduct and doctrine to lead the church on the island of Crete. This was no easy task, as Crete seemed to be inhabited by people of immoral conduct and false doctrine. But it was necessary in order to guard the church and the gospel. Paul gives clear instructions about required behavior for leaders; how each believer, despite circumstances, has the responsibility of Godly living; and how they were to confront false teachers. And he lays out the clear basis for this Godly behavior: God's grace through Christ. Titus 3 continues these instructions.

Good Works

Halley's Bible Handbook says about Titus, "The grand emphasis of this letter is good works. We are saved, not by good works, but by God's mercy (3:5), and we are justified by His grace (3:7). But because of this we are under strict obligation to

- Be eager to do what is good (2:14)
- Be an example by doing what is good (2:7)
- Be ready to do whatever is good (3:1)
- Be careful to devote ourselves to what is good (3:8)
- Do good in order to live productive lives (3:14)"

Do your choices and actions at work reflect God's mercy and grace?



LIVE

Discussion questions: Read the text and scriptures below, and prepare to answer the questions.

1. Read Titus 3:1-2. How are the listed qualities more than just about "being nice"?
2. Read Titus 3:3-8. Would those with whom you work say these verses describe your motivation?
3. Read Titus 3:9-15. What are the procedures for dealing with false teachers according to these verses? Compare to Jesus' guidelines in Matthew 18:15-17 for dealing with those who have sinned against you at work or in your daily life.
4. Re-read Titus 3:14 and 3:4-7. What does Paul mean in his final exhortation?

Application Question: As you think about your life at work, how will you know when you are passing the test of godly living?



PRAYERS

Prayer Requests & Closing Prayer



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Opening Prayer & Prayer Requests



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Before you begin, read the AGENDA LEARN introduction together and review the APPLICATION QUESTION from the previous meeting's RECAP.



LIVE

Discussion Questions: Have someone read each Bible verse aloud and then ask the corresponding question. Be sure everyone has enough time to find the Scripture before the verse is read.

1) Read Titus 3:1-2. How are the listed qualities more than just about “being nice”?



Because we are not saved by our good works but by God's mercy and justified by His grace, we are called to strive for these qualities.



As kids we were given lots of reasons to do good: in order to be a good citizen; so as not to “get it” when Dad got home; “because I said so”; treats of financial gain; so as not to embarrass the family; and so on. While the opening verse of Titus 3 feels a bit like a pledge at a cub scout meeting: “to be ready to do whatever is good,” Paul is reminding us that we do good *because* of Christ's kindness, goodness and mercy. As we've seen in this letter from Paul, this “good conduct” talk is more than the stuff of merit badges. It is the proof of the gospel be encouraged and inspired.



Facilitate a short discussion. You may want to ask: “Which of these qualities stand out to you as areas where you need to repent and make changes?”

Humility is a highly regarded quality for a Christian. Romans 12:3 defines humility as “Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.” In Matthew 11:29 Jesus says, “...for I am gentle and humble in heart...” and as Christians we are to live – like Jesus and unlike this world – so that others would want to live for God

Notes:

2) Read Titus 3:3-8. Would those with whom you work say these verses describe your motivation?



All the choices we make and the actions we take should reflect our faith and love for Christ.



“Paul summarizes what Christ does for us when he saves us. We move from a life full of sin to one where we are led by God's Holy Spirit. All our sins, not merely some, are washed away. Washing refers to the water of baptism, which is a sign of salvation. In becoming a Christian, the believer acknowledges Christ as Lord and recognizes Christ's saving work. We gain eternal life with all its treasures. We have a new life through the Holy Spirit and He continually renews our hearts. None of this occurs because we earned or deserve it; it is all God's gift.” (NLT Parallel Study Bible for Titus 3:4-8)



Facilitate a short discussion. You may want to ask: “What does this passage tell you about God? What does it tell you about what God does for us?”

Notes:

3) Read Titus 3:9-15. What are the procedures for dealing with false teachers according to these verses? Compare to Jesus’ guidelines in Matthew 18:15-17 for dealing with those who have sinned against you at work or in your daily life.



We are to avoid, then warn, then reject unrepentant false teachers and dissenters. For those who have sinned against us we are to go to them first, forgive them and try and restore the relationship.



Someone refusing to be corrected or to engage in an honest discussion whereby constructive criticism is being offered is, according to Paul, “self-condemned”. Engaging this type instead of avoiding a discussion may even bring more attention to their points, giving them false hope. This seems opposite of what Jesus is saying in Matthew. Jesus says we are to go directly to that person instead of avoiding them or talking to others about them. Then we are supposed to forgive them, as many times as it takes. The hope being to restore the relationship.



Facilitate a short discussion. You may want to ask: “Why the difference in the guidelines, do you suppose, and which would you most need at work? “

“Jesus’ guidelines were meant for 1) Christians, not un-believers, 2) sins committed against you, not others and 3) conflict resolution in the context of the church, not the community at large. Jesus’ words are not a license for a frontal attack on every person who hurts or slights us. They are not a license to start a destructive gossip campaign or call for a church trial. They are designed to reconcile those who disagree so that all Christians can live in harmony.” (NLT Parallel Study Bible Matthew 18:15-17)

Notes:

4) Re-read Titus 3:14 and 3:4-7. What does Paul mean in his final exhortation?



“Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good, in order to provide for urgent needs and not live unproductive lives.”



It is because of the Good News of Jesus Christ, NOT the speculations of false teachers that should lead us to responsibly love and serve others. See also Romans 12:13, Ephesians 4:28 and 1 Timothy 6:18.

Notes:

Application Question: As you think about your life at work, how will you know when you are passing the test of godly living?



PRAYERS

Prayer Requests & Closing Prayer



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Ask Yourself: When I am at work, how am I different from any other “nice” person? When I am at home, how am I reflecting Christ’s saving work in my life? When I am at church and in my community, how will I approach false teachers?

PLEASE NOTE: This is the final study for this volume of curriculum. There is a link to a brief survey from BBT on the Recap. Please be sure to take it and encourage your participants to do so as well. Thank you.



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Paul says that Christians should do whatever is good, not to earn God's kindness, mercy, and goodness, but because of God's great love for us. These good actions are proof of the Gospel. The life of a Christian, Paul says, should be lived in a way that reflects that believers' faith in Jesus. Believers, therefore, should live in harmony with one another.

Scripture Reference for this study: Titus chapter 3, Matthew 18:15-17



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- Seeing the proof of a godly life
- Seeing the practice of a godly life
- Seeing the product of a godly life

Application Question: As you think about your life at work, how will you know when you are passing the test of godly living?



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