

Introduction: A Troubled Church – “Then & Now”

- **The Church’s Problems:**

1. Believers’ lives don’t match their beliefs.
2. Believers’ conduct is discrediting their message.
3. False teachers are ruining families and destroying the Church.

- **The Pastor’s Assignment:**

1. Straighten out the mess.
2. Teach sound doctrine.
3. Confront error and transform cities by DOING GOOD.

- **The Underlying Issue:**

If we are “saved by grace,” totally apart from our good works, what difference does it make if we DO GOOD or not?

The Question: Why does DOING GOOD matter?

CHAPTER 1: DOING GOOD in the Church

- **Author and Purpose** Titus 1:1-3
 1. From the Apostle Paul
 2. For the faith of God's chosen people and the knowledge of the truth that leads to Godliness
 3. Based on our hope of eternal life in Jesus Christ

- **Titus' Assignment #1** Titus 1:4-9
 1. Set things in order and appoint godly leaders
 2. A leader must be:
 - a. Blameless in marriage and family
 - b. Blameless in character
 - c. Hospitable, loves what's good, self-controlled, upright, holy, disciplined
 - d. Theologically sound and able to guard the truth

- **The Reason** Titus 1:10-16
 1. False teachers, deceivers, mere talkers, ruining whole families, dishonest, promoting Cretan vs. Christian values
 2. They claim to know God but by their deeds they deny Him.

- **Summary: They're unfit for doing any good thing.** Titus 1:16

CHAPTER 2: DOING GOOD in Relationships

- **Titus' Assignment #2** Titus 2:1-10
 1. Teach what "good" looks like in daily life to...
 - a. Older men
 - b. Older women
 - c. Younger women
 - d. Younger men
 - e. Slaves

- **A Theology of “Doing Good”**

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for Himself a people that are His very own, eager to do what is good.

- **Summary:** These are the things that you should teach.

Titus 2:15

CHAPTER 3: DOING GOOD in the World

- **Titus’ Assignment #3**

Titus 3:1-2

1. Remind God’s people to...
 - a. Submit to authorities
 - b. Be ready to do what is good
 - c. Slander no one
 - d. Be peaceable and considerate
 - e. Show true humility to ALL men
2. The reason to DO GOOD to all
 - a. Our past life
 - b. Our new life by God’s grace demands a new lifestyle!

- **A Theology of “Becoming Good”**

Titus 3:5-8

1. Not by “works”
2. Regeneration by His mercy to a “new birth”
3. By God’s mercy

- **Warnings and Instructions**

Titus 3:9-15

1. Avoid foolish controversies
2. Warn a divisive person
3. Send co-workers, help others

- **Summary:**

Titus 3:14

Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good.

Four Reasons... Why DOING GOOD Matters so Much

Titus2:11-14

1. **Doing Good** reveals God's **PASSION** for all people.

Titus2:11-14

Key Concept: Salvation by grace

Ephesians 2:4-9

Application: **SHINE BRIGHTLY!**

Matthew 5:16

2. **Doing Good** reveals Christ's **PRESENCE** in our lives.

Titus2:12

Key Concept: Grace provides life change

Matthew 7:15-23

Application: **EXAMINE YOURSELF!**

2 Corinthians 13:5

3. **Doing Good** reveals the **PRIORITY** of our lives.

Titus2:13

Key Concept: Temporal, eternal perspective

Philippians 3:17-21

Application: **BE READY!**

Matthew 25:1-13

4. **Doing Good** reveals Jesus' **PURPOSE** for our lives.

Titus2:14

Key Concept: You are His workmanship

Ephesians 2:10

Application: **BEAR MUCH FRUIT!**

John 15:8

Introduction: The power of DOING GOOD

1. It pushes back the darkness.
2. It rescues people from destruction.
3. It connects our hearts to others.
4. It provides unexplainable joy.

Review: Why DOING GOOD matters so much

1. DOING GOOD reveals God's **passion** for people.
2. DOING GOOD reveals God's **presence** in our lives.
3. DOING GOOD reveals the **priority** of our lives.
4. DOING GOOD reveals God's **purpose** for our lives.

Question:

If DOING GOOD honors God, helps others, and transforms me...
where do I begin, to become a person who habitually DOES GOOD?

DOING GOOD: Where does it all begin?

1. DOING GOOD begins by recognizing GOD defines what is good.

Titus 1:1-4

- By what authority?
- By what standard?
- For what purpose?

2. DOING GOOD in an organization begins with the LEADERSHIP.

Titus 1:5-16

- Appoint GOOD leaders.
- Remove BAD leaders.
- Refuse to COMPROMISE.

Titus 1:5-9

Titus 1:10-16

3. **DOING GOOD** personally begins with **WHO** you are, not what you **DO**.

Titus 1:1-4

Qualifications for leaders/people to DO GOOD.

Titus 1:5-16

1. **Character: BLAMELESS**

2. **At Home: DEVOTED and DISCIPLING**

3. **Relationally: Emotionally mature**

- a. Not addicted to **POWER**.
- b. Not controlled by **ANGER**.
- c. Not dependent on **SUBSTANCES**.
- d. Not leading with **COERCION**.

4. **Ministry Mindset: Outwardly focused**

- a. A lover of **STRANGERS**.
- b. Devoted to **KINDNESS**.

5. **Private World: INTEGRITY** with self, others, and God in thought, word, and deed.

6. **Motives and Methods: Pure, teachable, COURAGEOUS.**

Preparing to DO GOOD this week ...

Discussion Questions:

1. How has your view of DOING GOOD changed? Share an example of a shift in your thinking or behavior.
2. In what relationships or organizations would others consider you a leader? (i.e. your home, among friends, at work, in the community, in the Church)
3. Why do you think the standards of leadership are so high in God's organization – the Church? What happens when leaders don't DO GOOD? What happens when they do DO GOOD?
4. How could you specifically help those called to lead within and outside the Church?
5. What aspect of "who you are" needs some additional grace and development? What's your next step to become GOOD?

Introduction: DOING GOOD Looks different for different people, but...

1. DOING GOOD is not a suggestion.
2. DOING GOOD is powerful.
3. DOING GOOD can be risky.
4. DOING GOOD begins with character not our conduct.

The price of DOING GOOD can be **COSTLY**.

The price of not DOING GOOD can be **MORE COSTLY**.

- Barna study on Christian families
- Barna study on spiritual engagement in America
- Barna study on perception of Christians in America

What does it look like for Christians to live like Christians?

➤ At Home?

1. Older Men are to be...

- temperate
- worthy of respect
- self-controlled
- healthy in faith, love, and endurance

2. Older Women are to be...

- reverent in the way of life
- not be slanderers
- not be addicted to much wine
- teach what is good
- teach younger women

3. Younger women are to...

- love their husbands and children
- be self-controlled and pure
- busy at home and be kind

Why? So God's Word will not be **MALIGNED**.

What does it look like for Christians to live like Christians?

➤ At Home?

4. Younger men are to ...

- be self-controlled
- follow Titus' example and teaching

Why? So critics have no basis for accusations about **THE CHURCH**.

➤ At Work?

Slaves of both Christian and non-Christian masters are to...

- be subject to their masters
- try to please (satisfy) them
- not talk back to them
- not steal from them
- show they can be trusted

Why? So they will make the teaching about God our Savior **ATTRACTIVE**.

3 Questions to stimulate your faith:

1. What has the power to convince an unbelieving world that God's Word is true?
2. What has the power to restore credibility and influence to the Church?
3. What has the power to make people want to explore a personal relationship with Jesus Christ?

1 Answer: DOING GOOD where you LIVE and WORK.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does the phrase "Christians living like Christians" mean to you?
2. Why was it so important for Titus to clearly teach each group of people what DOING GOOD meant for them?
3. What spoke to you from this passage? Where have you seen growth and transformation in your life? In the life of someone you care about?
4. Whom do you sense God is speaking to you about DOING GOOD at home? At work?
5. What first step will you take this week? Who will you ask to help you?

Introduction: There's hope for your community.

3 Questions:

1. What has the power to convince your neighbors, friends, and co-workers that God's Word is true?
2. What has the power to restore your credibility and influence as a follower of Christ?
3. What has the power to make your neighbors, friends, and co-workers want to explore a personal relationship with Jesus Christ?

1 Answer for all 3:

DOING GOOD in your home, at your work, and in your **COMMUNITY**.

What does it look like for Christians to live like Christians?

For you, in your community?

Titus 3:1-2

1. Obey the **LAW**.

Romans 13:7

- “submit to rulers and authority”

2. Serve your **COMMUNITY**.

Galatians 6:10

- “ready to do whatever is good”

3. Guard your **TONGUE**.

Ephesians 4:29

- “slander no one”

4. Refuse to **FIGHT**.

Romans 12:17-18

- “be peaceable” (literally a “non-fighter”)

5. Be **WINSOME** and forbearing.

James 3:17
I Peter 2:18-25

- “be considerate, gentle, willing to yield one’s rights”

6. Treat everyone like a **V.I.P. VERY IMPORTANT PERSON**.

Philippians 2:3-4

- “show yourself humble to all men”

Why must we DO GOOD in our communities? Titus 3:3-8

1. Because our **FORMER LIFE** demands we **CARE**. Titus 3:3
 - “we were foolish, disobedient, deceive, enslaved...”

2. Because our **NEW LIFE** demands we **SHARE**. Titus 3:4-7
 - The divine intervention: He **SAVED** us! Titus 3:4

 - The basis of our salvation. Titus 3:5
 - “... not by works of righteousness we have done.”
 - “but according to His mercy He saved us.”

 - The means of our salvation. Titus 3:6
 - “by the washing of regeneration”
 - “by the renewing of the Holy Spirit”

 - The result of our salvation. Titus 3:7-8
 - 1) A new standing before God.
 - 2) A new future with God.
 - 3) A new mandate from God.

A final word to Titus

Titus 3:9-15

1. Don't get distracted
2. Don't allow division
3. Do come quickly

The Big Idea: Our people must learn to **DEVOTE** themselves to **DOING GOOD**.

Discussion Questions:

1. How would Christians be perceived in our world if we obeyed verses 1-2 of chapter 3?
2. Which of the six commands, with regard to DOING GOOD in your community, is the most difficult for you? Why?
3. What is the experiential motivation to DO GOOD in your community (verse 3:3)?

What is the theological motivation (verses 3:4-8)?

4. What behavior/attitude do you need to address to represent Christ in your world?
5. How can a person know he/she is saved?