

Reflection Questions: Am I willingly in subjection to my rulers and authorities? Where do I struggle with this? What good deeds am I involved in? What is my motivation for doing so? How can I cultivate a heart of gentleness and kindness toward all those around me?

In light of *Titus 2:15-3:2*, how can we pray for one another this week?

Quotes to Ponder

Good works, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the fruits and evidences of a true and lively faith: and by them believers manifest their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance, edify their brethren, adorn the profession of the gospel, stop the mouths of the adversaries, and glorify God, whose workmanship they are, created in Christ Jesus thereunto, that, having their fruit unto holiness, they may have the end, eternal life.

Westminster Confession of Faith

The church will really change society for the better only when individual believers make their chief concern their own spiritual maturity, which means living in a way that honors God's commands and glorifies His name.

John MacArthur

If there is a government, God put it there.

John Piper

Rejection of ... authority is a rejection of God's authority. And the rejection of God's authority is, in fact, claiming His authority as my own. It is an attempt to be God.

Paul David Tripp

Salvation apart from obedience is unknown in the sacred Scriptures... Apart from obedience there can be no salvation, for salvation without obedience is a self-contradictory impossibility.

A.W. Tozer

Inwardly transformed people are needed if we are ever going to see a transformed society. Merely passing good laws and having good government will never be enough to change a society.

Wayne Grudem



Titus 2:15-3:2

Sermon
Notes

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1. Lifting Up Scripture Courageously

2. Living as Submissive Citizens

A. Be Subject

B. Be Obedient

C. Be Ready

D. Slander No One

E. Not Contentious

F. Be Gentle

G. Showing Every Consideration

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. What are we to *speak* according to *Titus 2:15*?

3. What seven things is Titus to *remind* people of (*Titus 3:1-2*)?

What would the church look like if every Christian lived this way and did these things?

Which of these do you find most difficult? Why?

4. Due to the authority invested in him, what can Titus not allow (*Titus 2:15*)? What does this mean?

5. What kinds of problems would prompt Paul to tell Titus to remind the Christian Cretans to be subject to *rulers and authorities* (*Titus 3:1*)?

6. Read *Romans 13:1-7*. Who establishes governmental authorities?

When we rebel against authorities, who are we actually rebelling against?

What reasons are given in this passage for submission to governing authorities?

7. Read *1 Timothy 2:1-6*. What are we to be doing for those in authority?

What is the hoped for result when we pray for our leaders?

How does God feel about these actions toward our authorities?

What is the hoped for result of this?

8. What is commendable about the way in which Daniel and his three friends differed with the king's dietary request (*Daniel 1:8, 12-14*)?

9. How often will most of us have to be in disobedience to our government? What would that require?

10. Paul says we're to show *every consideration for all people*? What does this mean? Who is included in *all people*?

11. What do these verses tell us?

Colossians 3:12 —

1 Peter 3:15 —

James 3:13 —