

Reflection Questions: What does my life communicate about the gospel? Am I engaging in good deeds? What are they? Why am I doing them? Where am I being divisive? If so, what will I do about it?

In light of *Titus 3:8-11*, how can we pray for one another this week?

Quotes to Ponder

If you understand the doctrine of salvation by God's sovereign grace, it will motivate you to take thought about how you may engage in good deeds.

Steven J. Cole

The common actions of everyday life, when they are well done, with a view not to merit, but out of gratitude—these are good deeds.

There are certain professing Christians who spend half their lives in fighting about nothing at all. There is no more in their contention than the difference between Tweedledum and Tweedledee. But they will divide a church over it.

Charles Spurgeon

It is much easier to discuss theological questions than to be kind and considerate and helpful at home, or efficient and diligent and honest at work.

William Barclay

Those who have experienced the good news of God's grace will be evidenced by a life of good deeds as a result of God's grace.

Phil Layton

A person who loves the peace and purity of the church may be forced into division, but it is not his character. He enters arguments regrettably and infrequently. When forced to argue, he remains fair, truthful, and loving in his responses. He grieves to have to disagree with a brother.

R. Kent Hughes

The motivation for good deeds is gratitude for the underserved, unmerited grace of God. The effect is Christlikeness. The goal is evangelism.

Anonymous

An understanding of the full plan of salvation leads believers necessarily into a daily living out of their commitment to the Lord. To separate the two is nonsensical.

William D. Mounce



Titus 3:8-11

Sermon
Notes

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1. Profitable

2. Unprofitable

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convinced you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?
2. Why is it essential to maintain that spiritual truth is both absolute and knowable?
3. When we're accused of being intolerant in that Jesus is the only way of salvation, how do we respond?

4. Read the following verses and look at what the *trustworthy statement* is. See any similarities in them?

1 Timothy 1:15 —

2 Timothy 2:11 —

1 Timothy 3:1 —

Titus 3:8 —

1 Timothy 4:9 —

5. What are *these things* in *Titus 3:8*?
6. What are *good deeds* (*Titus 3:8*)? Back up your answer with Scripture.
7. What does it mean to *be careful to engage in good deeds* (*Titus 3:8*)?
8. In *Titus 3:8-9*, what is profitable and unprofitable?

9. What is Titus to avoid in *Titus 3:9*? What are these things? (cf. *1 Timothy 1:3-7*; *2 Timothy 2:23*)

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10. How is Titus to respond to someone who stirs up division (*Titus 3:9*)?

11. What do these verses say about correcting others?

Matthew 18:15-20 —

Galatians 6:1-2 —

Romans 16:17-18 —

2 Timothy 2:24-26 —

12. Why is a *divisive person* given two warnings before being rejected (*Titus 3:10*)?
13. How does Paul describe a divisive person (*Titus 3:9-11*)?
14. How can we know what issues are worth defending and, if necessary, dividing over versus matter where we should be patient and tolerant of those who differ?