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A Practical Study of TITUS: Growth Toward Godliness

“Beginning to Look More Like Jesus”

STUDY NUMBER ONE – THE PROCESS OF GODLINESS – TITUS 1:1-4

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v. 1 Paul, a bondservant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the faith of God's chosen-out ones and a knowledge of truth which is according to godliness,

v. 2 in the hope of life eternal, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago,

v. 3 but in His own seasons He made known His word in a proclamation with which I was entrusted in accordance with the commandment of God, our Savior;

v. 4 to Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Titus 1:1-4 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. How does Paul characterize himself, according to verse 1?

3. Can you outline the process toward godliness in verse 1? The key words are faith, truth, and godliness.

4. What picture of God do we get in verse 2?

5. When did God make known His word, according to verse 3? Read Galatians 4:4, 5 also in this regard.

6. How was the word of God made known to the apostle? (2 Timothy 3:16, 17 and 2 Peter 1:19-21).

7. How is Titus characterized, according to verse 4?

8. With what greeting does he conclude verse 4?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Godliness does not come by experience, but by intake of the Word of God and the deepening of the relationship with the Lord.

LESSON #2: The more I know His Word, the more I know Him and what He wants of me.

LESSON #3: The process is from faith to food to fruit.

LESSON #4: Godliness is the result of growth in the truth.

LESSON #5: The expression of my new life in Christ will be seen in a hunger for the Word.

LESSON #6: Godliness does not come by service.

LESSON #7: Godliness provides the foundation for a witness.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER TWO – THE PICTURE OF GODLINESS – TITUS 1:5-9

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v. 5 For this reason I left you in Crete, in order that you might set in order the things which remain, and appoint elders in every city as I direct you,
v. 6 if a certain man is above reproach, the husband of one wife, having children who are believers, not accused of dissipation or rebellion.
v. 7 For the overseer must be above reproach as God’s superintendent, not self-willed (stubborn), not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of dishonest gain,
v. 8 but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, just, holy, disciplined (self-controlled),
v. 9 clinging to the trustworthy message which is in accordance with the teaching, in order that he may be able both to be exhorting in sound doctrine and to be refuting those who are contradicting.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Titus 1:5-9 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Why was Titus left in Crete, according to verse 5?

3. Outline the characteristics of the godly man in the passage and meditate on them.

4. Describe the godly man's family relationship, according to verse 6.

5. Describe a stubborn, or self-willed, person in your own words.

6. What is the godly man's attitude toward material things, according to verse 7?

7. How would a person manifest the qualities that are described in verse 8?

8. What two things does the godly man do in his teaching, according to verse 9?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The picture of godliness is a picture of Jesus Christ.

LESSON #2: Godliness involves submission and obedience.

LESSON #3: Godliness is the result of discipline.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER THREE – THE PERVERSION OF GODLINESS – TITUS 1:10-16

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v.10 For there are many rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision,

v.11 who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things which they should not, for the sake of dishonest gain.

v.12 A certain one of them, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons."

v.13 This testimony is true. For this cause be rebuking them severely, in order that they may be sound in the faith,

v.14 not paying attention to Jewish myths and commandments of men who are turning themselves away from the truth.

v.15 All things are pure, to those who are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled.

v.16 They are confessing to know God, but by their deeds, they are denying Him, being detestable and disobedient, and with reference to every good work disapproved.



QUESTIONS:

1. Read Titus 1:10-16 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. How does the phony man manifest himself, according to verse 10?

3. What must be done, according to verse 11?

4. What is the result of their teaching, according to verse 11?

5. In what three ways does the prophet of the Greeks characterize the Cretans, according to verse 12?

6. What is the purpose for rebuking them, according to verse 13?

7. How do the mind and conscience relate to godliness?

8. Describe the perversion of godliness in verse 16.

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Those who are teaching error use a lot of words but say little.

LESSON #2: Those who have to speak often of financial matters in their ministry must be scrutinized with suspicion.

LESSON #3: False godliness is the result of man’s effort. Whereas, true godliness is the result of God’s work in our lives.

LESSON #4: The decision to turn away from the truth produces the ugly lives in this passage.

LESSON #5: The goal of every growing believer ought to be a pure mind and clear conscience.

LESSON #6: Watch the person who confesses to know God, but whose life cannot bear close scrutiny.

LESSON #7: Could it be that the absence of honesty, love, and hard work are the result of turning away from the truth?

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER FOUR – THE PARISH AND GODLINESS – TITUS 2:1-10

v. 1 But as for you, be speaking the things which are fitting for sound doctrine.

v. 2 Older men are to be temperate, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, in patience.

v. 3 Older women likewise are to be worthy of reverence in their behavior, not malicious gossips, nor enslaved to much wine, teachers of that which is good,

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v. 4 in order that they may encourage (train) the young women to be loving their husbands, to love their children,

v. 5 to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being in subjection to their own husbands, in order that the word of God may not be dishonored.

v. 6 Likewise be urging the young men to be exercising self-control (sensible);

v. 7 in all things showing yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity of doctrine, dignified,

v. 8 sound in speech which is beyond reproach, in order that the opponent may be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us.

v. 9 Be urging bondslaves to be in subjection to their own masters in everything, to be well-pleasing, not argumentative,

v.10 not pilfering but showing all good faith in order that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Titus 2:1-10 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What is Titus's assignment, according to verse 1?

3. Outline the qualities of the older men.

4. Outline the qualities of the older women.

5. Outline the qualities of the younger women.

6. Outline the qualities of the younger men.

7. Outline the qualities of the bondslaves.

8. What is the purpose behind this godly living, according to verse 10?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The godly life is for everybody—the leaders, the followers, the old, and the young. Whosoever will may come to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. By taking truth into the life and being obedient to it, godliness will result.

LESSON #2: Sensibility and self-control seem to be the dominant theme in the godly life.

LESSON #3: Older women have the responsibility to train younger women in specific areas.

LESSON #4: Godliness is a necessity so that the Word of God may not be dishonored.

LESSON #5: Godliness is a necessity so that the doctrine of God may be adorned.

LESSON #6: Are you bringing honor to the Word? Are you beautifying the teachings of the Word? This is godliness in relationship.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER FIVE – THE PLATFORM OF GODLINESS – TITUS 2:11-15

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v.11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men,
v.12 instructing (disciplining) us that denying ungodliness and worldly desires we should live sensibly and righteously and godly in the present (now) age,

v.13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Christ Jesus;

v.14 who gave Himself on our behalf, in order that He might set us free from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

v.15 These things be speaking and exhorting and reproof with all authority. Let no one be looking down on you.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Titus 2:11-15 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What has the grace of God brought, according to verse 11?

3. How are we supposed to live according, to verse 12?

4. What is to be our glorious anticipation, according to verse 13?

5. Outline the three-fold purpose for the giving of Himself upon the cross for us, according to verse 14.

6. Describe the process of setting us free, purifying us, and motivating us to be zealous for good deeds.

7. Define the words “these things” in verse 15.

8. What four things does Paul ask Titus to do in verse 15?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Salvation is a free gift offered to all men.

LESSON #2: The grace of God disciplines us in the pursuit of godliness.

LESSON #3: The coming of Jesus Christ is a great motivating factor toward godliness.

LESSON #4: Christ came to earth for the purpose of giving Himself on our behalf.

LESSON #5: We are the people of His own possession.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER SIX – THE PATH OF GODLINESS – TITUS 3:1-7**NOTES**

v. 1 Be reminding them to put themselves in subjection to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed,

v. 2 to be speaking evil of no one, to be uncontentious, gentle, showing every consideration for all men.

v. 3 For we were at one time also foolish, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.

v. 4 But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared,

v. 5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

v. 6 whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

v. 7 in order that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Titus 3:1-7 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What is the godly man's attitude toward authority, according to verse 1?

3. Outline the seven-fold responsibility of the godly man in verses 1 & 2.

4. How does he characterize the sinful past, according to verse 3?

5. What is the basis of salvation, according to verse 5?

6. What is the meaning of “washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit”?

7. What person of the Trinity is involved in this two-fold action of “regeneration and renewing?”

8. What is the purpose for being “justified,” according to verse 7?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The godly lifestyle manifests itself in submission, obedience, and availability to the authority that is over them.

LESSON #2: The godly lifestyle is manifested by a large-hearted consideration when in disagreement.

LESSON #3: It helps us appreciate the present by looking at the past.

LESSON #4: Salvation is a complete act of Gods’ work and grace.

LESSON #5: The ultimate purpose for God’s plan of salvation is so that we might become heirs with Jesus Christ of all that God has in store for us in eternity.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER SEVEN – THE PROOF OF GODLINESS – TITUS 3:8-11**NOTES**

v. 8 Trustworthy is the word, and concerning these things I am desiring you to be speaking confidently, in order that those who have believed God may be careful to engage in good works. These things are good and profitable to men.

v. 9 But be avoiding foolish controversies and genealogies and contention and strife about the law (legal battles); for they are unprofitable and worthless.

v.10 Be rejecting a factious (divisive) man after a first and second warning, v.11 knowing that such a man is perverted (twisted, turned inside out) and is sinning, being self-condemned.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Titus 3:8-11 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What does Paul want Titus to be speaking about, according to verse 8?

3. Why should the godly man be “careful to engage in good works,” according to verse 8?

4. What four things does Paul command Titus to “be avoiding” in verse 9?

5. For what reason is he to “be avoiding” these things, according to verse 9?

6. How is a “divisive man” to be handled, according to verse 10?

7. Read the epistle of 3 John and describe the “divisive man” in that passage.

8. How is the “divisive man” described in verse 11?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The Word of God is trustworthy, and you can have confidence in it.

LESSON #2: Rightly relating to truth after coming to faith, produces good works.

LESSON #3: Avoid controversy and contention, because they are unprofitable and worthless.

LESSON #4: When you are standing on the truth of the Word of God, you can reject the divisive man.

LESSON #5: One’s attitude toward the Word determines progress toward godliness.

LESSON #6: Law has nothing to do with godliness.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER EIGHT – THE PARTNERS OF GODLINESS – TITUS 3:12-15**NOTES**

v.12 When I shall send Artemas or Tychicus to you, make every effort to come to me at Nicopolis, for there I have decided to spend the winter.

v.13 Diligently set forward on their journey Zenas the lawyer and Apollos in order that nothing be lacking for them.

v.14 And let those also who are ours learn to be engaging in good works to meet pressing needs, in order that they may not be unfruitful.

v.15 All those with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in faith. Grace be with you all.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Titus 3:12-15 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What does Paul command Titus to do in verse 12?

3. Who is Paul hoping to send to take the place of Titus?

4. Where is Paul hoping to spend the winter?

5. What does Paul ask to be done for Zenas and Apollos, according to verse 13?

6. What are the Cretan Christians supposed to be learning, according to verse 14?

7. Describe what is involved in the “good works to meet pressing needs” in verse 14.

8. To whom does Paul send greetings in verse 15?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Godliness is for the layman and the preacher alike.

LESSON #2: The Lord can use professional, secular training in the ministry.

LESSON #3: Authentic godliness never displays the spirit of knowing it all.

LESSON #4: Godliness is manifested in supplying the needs of those who are preaching and teaching the Gospel.

LESSON #5: We are challenged by the Apostle to learn to meet pressing needs.

LESSON #6: The challenge is to keep on changing, keep growing, and becoming more Christlike.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:
