

## VBF Women's Study Lesson 26

### Titus 3:1-2 part 2

As you read through Titus and begin this study, ask God to open your heart. As the Psalmist prayed: "Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Thy law" (Psalm 119:18).

**Assignment:** In the next week prayerfully **read Titus Chapter 3 every day**. Attempt to answer the following discussion questions from the text only. Don't worry if you cannot find all the answers. We will discuss them next week.

#### Questions:

- 1) REVIEW: Who is Titus commanded (Pres Active Imperative) by Paul to "remind" in 3:1? What does the term remind imply? Have you learned these things?
  
- 2) REVIEW: List the things that Titus is commanded to remind them of from 3:1-2
  
- 3) REVIEW: In Titus 3:1, Paul commands Titus to command these Cretan believers "to be obedient." Thinking of the context, who is it they are to obey and who will they ultimately be obeying? Are you likewise living in submission and being obedient?
  
- 4) What are believers "to be ready for..." (3:1)? What does Galatians 6:10 say?
  
- 5) What does Eph. 2:10 say about the good deeds we were saved unto?
  
- 6) Do you live expectantly trusting Christ to walk you into the good deeds which have already been prepared for you? Why, why not?
  
- 7) What does Titus 1:15-16 say concerning the deeds of "unbelieving," those who "profess to know God?"
  
- 8) What are we commanded to do in 3:2? Who are we to do the things in 3:2 to?

**WORD STUDY NOTE:** The word translated "to malign" in 3:2 literally speaks of **blaspheming or speaking evil**. it can refer to slander, defaming or sinfully dishonoring someone's reputation, insulting, speaking evil, **speaking injuriously**.

- 9) Is there anyone that you have spoken injuriously towards, believer or unbeliever? We are all tempted, yet what does God command us in 3:2a?

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10) What should our speech be like towards believers (Eph. 4:29-30)? How about non-believers (Col. 4:5-6)? What should we never do (Titus 3:2a)?

**WORD STUDY NOTE:** The phrase “to be contentious” or NKJ “peaceable” literally means to **not quarrel** (See 2Tim. 2:24 and James 4:2).

11) What do the following have to say contentiousness or quarrying? Are you contentious? Do you quarrel? If so what should you do?

A. James 4:1-4 (“conflicts”)

B. 2Tim. 2:24

C. Titus 3:2

**WORD STUDY NOTE:** Now this term translated **gentle** in this verse really speaks to much more than just gentleness from our point of view. This term really speaks of a **gentle yielding, forbearing, a sweet reasonableness**. It speaks of **gentle yielding of one's rights**. This word is translated in Phil. 4:5 “forbearing *spirit*”

12) Rather than being contentious what are we to be in contrast and why (3:2, Phil 4:5)?

**STUDY NOTE:** Notice being **uncontentious and gentle is modified by another phrase “showing every consideration for all men.”** The word “**consideration**” in the phrase “**showing every consideration for all men**” speaks of a kind, gentle and meek disposition in context, toward all men. The same word is translated “gentle” used in Jesus’ own description of Himself in Mat. 11:29. Now the participle translated **showing**, speaks of **demonstrating or proving**, it speaks of **giving outward proof**.

13) What is it that we believers are to be continually habitually showing outward proof of and to whom is this toward (3:2)? Does your life exhibit this? Why, why Not?

14) If someone were to describe you would they say you were uncontentious, gentle and considerate?

15) Paul explains (For...) in 3:3-7 why believers are to live in such a manner as described in 3:1-2. From 3:3-7, give two reasons why we should live this way. *Note: we will look at these verses more in depth the next few weeks.*

16) Are you continually obeying the commands in 3:2? If not, what should you do? How can an accurate understanding of Titus 2:11-14 (and 3:3-7) help you obey the commands in 3:1-2?