

# ZEALOUS FOR GOOD WORKS

(01/14/2024; Life Group; Titus 1:1-3:15; Steve Thiel; Christ Proclamation Church)

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Sermon Theme: Because God has saved us by His grace and mercy, freeing us from bondage to sin and enabling obedience from the heart, our lives must demonstrate the transforming power of the gospel in our godly actions, our godly speech, our godly attitudes, and our good works toward all mankind.

## **I. Good Works in the Church – Read Titus 1:5-2:15**

- A. Read Titus 1:5-16. What was the purpose of Paul leaving Titus in Crete?
- B. What are the qualifications of elders (overseers)? How would you interpret verse 9? How does Paul contrast godly elders (vv. 6-9) with false teachers (vv. 10-16)?
- C. Read Titus 2:1-10. What commonalities do the men, women, children, and servants all possess? What does this passage tell us about pursuing good works within the church?
- D. The qualifications for an elder are applicable categories for all believers in the church. Therefore, what are some of the qualifications listed that you would like to grow in 2024?

## **II. Good Works in the Community – Read Titus 3:1-15**

- A. Read Titus 3:1-8. What are the seven exhortations given at the beginning of chapter 3? What do you think it means to “show perfect courtesy toward all people”?
- B. According to verse 3, why should Titus exhort the saints to be zealous for good works?
- C. Read Titus 3:4-8. What observations do you make about the nature of salvation? How is it possible that Christians can be zealous to perform good works within our communities?
- D. What does it look like to be zealous for good works within our community? What are some potential ways that we can do good works within Windsor and the greater Hartford area? What is the motivation for pursuing good works in our community?

## **III. Good Works in Summary – Application**

- A. The Bible clearly states that being zealous for good works flows from a heart that is zealous for God. What does it look like to be zealous for God? How would you evaluate your current times of communion with God (bible time, prayer, journaling, scripture memorization)?
- B. In what areas of your life are you learning to be devoted to good works? What changes need to take place in your life this year for you to be described as “zealous for good works”?