

# GOOD WORKS IN THE WORLD

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Sermon Theme: Because God has saved us by His glorious grace and mercy, freeing us from bondage to sin and empowering us, by His Spirit, to live for His glory, honor, and praise, our lives must demonstrate the transforming power of the gospel in actions, speech, attitudes, and good works toward all mankind.

## **I. Reminder of Good Works – Read Titus 3:1-2**

- A. Read Titus 3:1-2. Who is Paul referring to when he writes “remind them”? What do you think it looked like to “be submissive to rulers and authorities” in Paul’s day? How about today?
- B. As you examine the list in verses 1-2, in what category would you like to excel still more? Which of these good works is the most difficult for you to pursue and make progress in?
- C. On a scale of 1-10, how would you assess your ability to show perfect courtesy toward all people? Is there a particular person who type of person that is particularly difficult for you?

## **II. Reason For Good Works – Read Titus 3:3-7**

- A. What is the connection between verses 1-2 and verse 3?
- B. Read Titus 3:4-7. What similarities do you notice between this passage and Titus 2:11-14?
- C. How does the wickedness seen in verse 3 intensify the beauty of the gospel in verses 4-7?
- D. According to verse 7, what is the grand purpose of Christ’s rescue of sinners? What does it mean to “become heirs according to the hope of eternal life”?
- E. How do the glorious truths of the gospel stir your heart to rejoice in the goodness of God? In particular, how do they motivate you to be zealous for good works to the glory of God?

## **III. Resolved To Good Works – Read Titus 3:8-15**

- A. In what ways would you like to grow in being able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also be able to refute those who contradict it? How might you prepare yourself to do so?
- B. How do we actively orient ourselves to be above reproach in our conduct? What are the potential blessings of being above reproach in the midst of a watching world?
- C. In what area of your life do you need to grow in being devoted to good works? If you had to pick one area, would it be your speech, your actions, or your attitude?
- D. Why is the language of “Do your best!” such an encouragement in verses 12-14?