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## Reflect Jesus

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### TODAY'S READING: Titus 1

Titus had his hands full on the island of Crete. The people there were not the easiest to deal with. Titus needed qualified leaders and various groups needed shepherding. One group of false teachers was trying to mix Jewish law with the gospel of grace and some Gentiles were abusing the message of grace and turning it into license.

We see in Titus 1:16 that those who were causing problems *"profess to know God, but they deny him by their works."* Paul rebukes the religious leaders for proclaiming the name of God but then living oppositional lives. Their words did not match up with their lifestyle. *"They profess to know God,"* they talk about their affiliation, they carry the title of being a follower, *"but they deny Him by their works."* This is the very definition of hypocrisy--saying one thing and living something completely different.

How we live our lives matters. We are to live out what we say we believe in every word, deed and interaction we have. Our lives must show that we follow Jesus. We cannot claim to know God and then live in a way that denies him. Otherwise, we become a faulty witness of who God is.

The choices you make today are important. Your actions have consequences. We are ambassadors of Christ. Let our lives reflect that we spend time with Jesus and are becoming more like Him.

**PRAYER:** God, help us live a life that reflects You. May our lives be an example of Jesus, and may we continually lead people to know and love You more.

### TOMORROW'S READING: Titus 2

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