



Christlike Character

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TODAY'S READING: Titus 3

My friends, today's reading gives us better understanding of the character all followers of Christ must exhibit. You see, we must stand out and apart from the rest of world. When we engage in the world around us, people should experience the Lord Jesus through our actions and behaviors. Some may not feel they have the ability to reflect such godliness. However, they would be mistaken. Every follower of Christ is given a portion of His righteousness. When we were in the world, we exhibited the qualities of the world. *"For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another"* (Titus 3:3 NKJV).

However, when we came to Christ, repented of our sin, and confessed Jesus as the Son of the Living God and Lord of our lives, we became something quite different, a new creation in life. We went from the degenerate sinner to the regenerate sinner. Saved by the mercy and grace of God, *"But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit"* (Titus 3:4-5 NKJV).

Therefore, being saved by grace, we should reflect God's grace among the least and lost in society. We must exhibit a loving disposition that accepts everyone as they are and rejects no one. We are the ways and means that unify and guides people to Christ. That is who we are and that is what we do, we avoid dissension. If we were to find such a loveless act of discord, we are given clear direction in how to proceed. *"But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless. Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition, knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned"* (Titus 3:9-11 NKJV).

We are the people of God, joint heirs to His heavenly kingdom, subject to our great God and Savior Jesus Christ! Therefore, let us be intentional in how we represent Him here on this side of heaven. Let us do so with a humble disposition, teachable spirit and His loving nature. This is how we draw people to him, by reflecting His most beautiful qualities. May your good works reflect your godly perspective.

PRAYER: Our Father in the heavens, thank You for our time in Your word today. Thank You for opening our minds to how we are to honor You, revere You and exalt You among men. Father, please allow Your Holy Spirit to guide us on Christ's righteous path. We ask this in His holy name, amen.

TOMORROW'S READING: 1 Peter 1

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