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“...those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good.”

Titus 3:8

## **I. The Direction of the Bible Toward Good Works**

- A. Eph. 2:10 – “We are His Workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works ...”
- B. Gal. 6:9 – “Let us not lose heart in doing good”
- C. I Tim. 6:18 – “Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works”
- D. Matthew 5:16 – “Let your light shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify for Father in heaven”

## **II. The Directive of Paul to Titus (Titus 3:8)**

- A. The theme verse of Titus – Titus 3:8
- B. Key words point to the importance of this:
  - 1. “Stress these things” – *diabebaiomai* = to continuously restate
  - 2. “those who have trusted God” – *pisteuo* = faith in God
  - 3. “Be careful” – *phrontizō* – 1x – anxious in thought
  - 4. “to devote themselves” – *proistemi* = to stand over as a supervisor
  - 5. “doing good works” – *kalos* (good) *ergon* (works)

## **III. The Definition of Good Works (Titus 1:1-3)**

- A. The question – Is everything good I do considered “Good works”?
- B. Some who only thought they were doing good works (Matthew 7:21–23)
- C. Five Statements from Paul to Titus to help define good works:
  - 1. “A servant (*doulos* = sold out) of God and Apostle (sent out) of Jesus Christ”
  - 2. “To further the faith of God’s elect”
  - 3. “And the knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness”
  - 4. “In the hope of eternal life which God promised”
  - 5. “At the appointed season...through the preaching God has entrusted to me”

## **IV. The Difference between Good Works and “Do-goodism”**

John Wesley FALSE quote: “Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.”

- A. Do-goodism seeks to gain something from the transaction
- B. Do-goodism acts out of fear or duty rather than glorifying God
- C. Do-goodism looks good on the outside, but it means nothing to God
- D. Do-goodism begins to make a person think they are good enough