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*“Remind the people...
to be subject to rulers
and authorities,... At
one time we too were
foolish ... be careful to
devote themselves to
doing what is good.”*
Titus 3:1, 3, 8

I. Remember Our Citizenship (Titus 3:1,2)

- A. “Remind them” - We constantly need to be reminded
- B. To choose to submit (*hypotasso*) to those in authority over you
 - 1. To choose to be obedient and ready to do good works for them
 - 2. To not give in to slandering leaders – avoid passing on lies/hateful gossip
 - 3. Instead – cooperate + expect fairness + with meekness
- D. Our platform for changing society is to be a good citizen where we can

II. Remember Our Sonship (Titus 3:3 – 7)

- A. Don’t forget we were as lost as the world is at one time!
 - 1. “Foolish”, “disobedient”, “deceived”, and “enslaved”
 - 2. We treated people with hatred that leads to envy that leads to acts of evil
- B. But God! The moment of our epiphany came!
 - 1. The “kindness” and “love of God” toward us became real to us! (Ah ha!)
 - 2. He saved us through the “washing of rebirth” – changed us into a new creation
 - 3. He saved us through the “renewal by the Holy Spirit” – changed our worldview
 - 4. He saved us through being “justified by his grace” – forgiveness and unconditional love
- C. We became “heirs” (sons and daughters of God) with the hope of eternal life
- D. We can’t really have compassion or care on the lost society until we remember where we were

III. Remember Our Stewardship (Titus 3:8)

- A. “This is a trustworthy saying” – Pay attention and remember this!
- B. Those who have trusted in the work of God – you have received everything
- C. We must be good stewards of God’s work and God’s blessings
 - 1. “Careful” = 1x = to be anxious in thought – diligent
 - 2. “Devote themselves” = focused and intentional – with a plan and purpose
 - 3. “Doing good works” – practicing the love of God for the glory of God to others
- D. Our stewardship is “excellent” and “profitable” for everyone.