

Titus 3:12-15 Word Search

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Scripture of the Week

Love the LORD your God
 and keep his requirements, his decrees,
 his laws and his commands always.

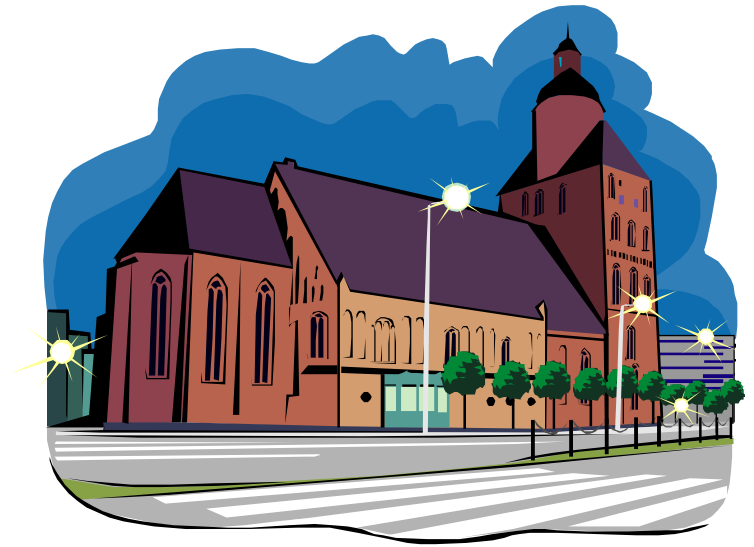
-Deuteronomy 11:1

I have completed my Bible studies for the following days:

- Lord's Day & Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday & Saturday

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Daily Bible Studies
 February 9-15, 2014
 "It's About People"
 Titus 3:12-15



The Lord's Day and Monday

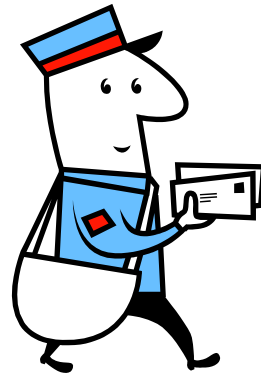
This week's text is **Titus 3:12-15**.

When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, be diligent to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Send Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey with haste, that they may lack nothing. And let our people also learn to maintain good works, to meet urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful. All who are with me greet you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Well, this week we wrap up Paul's letter to Titus. In this passage, Paul is almost done teaching, so he gives some practical instructions to Titus.

First, we see that Paul wants Titus to meet him in a city called Nicopolis. But if Titus leaves, who will take care of the church? Paul is going to send one of two men, Artemas or Tychicus, to take over for Titus.

Second, we notice that two other men, Zenas and Apollos, will be traveling through Crete. Paul instructs to Titus to make sure that the church gives them food, a place to sleep, etc. It is quite possible that Zenas and Apollos were the men that delivered Paul's letter to Titus.



Finally, Paul gives one final piece of teaching and "signs" the letter. He instructs the church once again to "maintain good works" and he gives greetings and blessing to all of the true believers in Crete.

Friday Quiz

List 3 ways that you as a young person can help to meet the needs of others in your church. Discuss these areas with your parents.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Suggestion for Prayer

Dear Father, thank you for the lessons I have learned this week from you Word. Strengthen me to do your will no matter the cost. Amen.

Pray for the Lord's Day Service

1. Pray that everyone would think it is important to come and be able to come.
2. Pray for Sunday School and Pastor Tim's sermon.
3. Pray that we would encourage each other to love the Lord Jesus.

Friday

The final reading for this week and for Titus is **Titus 3:15**.

All who are with me greet you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Let's summarize what we have learned so far. The Christian life can not be one without action. We can not just sit in church and do nothing. We must make an effort to advance God's kingdom here on earth. We do this with good works. God calls some people to be missionaries to foreign countries, while he calls others to stay at home. Does that mean that the people at home have nothing to do? No, not at all. We here at home must witness to our family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. We must also support those people that God has called to be missionaries, pastors, and evangelists in their efforts. We should love to meet needs of fellow believers.

Now, Paul says farewell. Paul and his companions send greetings to Titus and they ask him to greet the others in Crete that love them "in the faith." We see here a unity that all believers have. Time and distance cannot separate believers because we are all in Jesus. We are all apart of the body. If you love Paul in the faith, if you acknowledge him as your brother, then Paul's greeting is for you.

Finally, Paul prays that grace will be with the believers. They needed grace and so do we. The Christian life is impossible without the grace of God. Praise the Lord that he gives us his grace in the same way and in the same measure that he gave it to Paul and his companions. Let's avail ourselves of it in prayer and live it out in fruitful lives.

"I always say this. Missions...there are only two ministries in missions. You either go down in the well or you hold the rope for those who are going down. Either way there will be scars on your hands. Stand up. Show me your scars. What has it cost you to be a Christian? What has it cost you to follow Him? What has it cost you to take the gospel to the nations? What have you given up?" - Paul Washer

The Lord's Day and Monday Quiz



Paul Writing a Letter

Suggestion for Prayer

Dear Lord, help me to learn from your Word this week. Please open my eyes to areas where I could serve others for your glory and their good. Amen.

Pray for Family

1. Dad and Mom
2. Brothers and Sisters
3. Grandparents, Uncles and Aunts, Cousins

Tuesday

Today we will study **Titus 3:12**

When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, be diligent to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there.

We can't be sure, but many scholars who study the Bible think that Paul was in Philippi when he wrote his letter to Titus. He was planning, however, to spend the winter in a city called Nicopolis, and he wanted Titus to meet him there. Nicopolis was probably a city that Caesar Augustus founded to celebrate his victory over Marc Antony and Cleopatra. It also likely that it was a place for Paul and Titus to meet each other half way. It may have been a nice place to spend a winter, but more importantly, it was a city from which other areas like Dalmatia could be reached with the gospel.

Before Titus leaves for Nicopolis, Paul wants him to wait for other men to come and take his place. Paul realizes the need that the church has for good leadership and he knows that the church in Crete is not strong enough yet to be left without a leader.

Paul sends Artemas and Tychicus and we can infer, or make a very good guess, that Paul knew them well and trusted them. It almost goes without saying that Artemas and Tychicus were men that had proven themselves to Paul. We know almost nothing about Artemas, but we do have a small amount of information about Tychicus. He is mentioned in Acts 20:4, Eph. 6:21, Col. 4:7, and 2 Tim. 4:12. Paul says that he is a beloved and faithful brother. If you study the verses mentioned, you will see that he was a *great help* to Paul and the church.



Thursday Quiz

1. Read James 2:14. How does this verse relate to our verse of the day?

2. According to James 2:18, after salvation how do our works relate to our faith?

3. Read about Epaphroditus in Philippians 2:25-30. In what areas could you follow his example of serving the church?

Suggestion for Prayer

Dear Lord, please help me to be fruitful in my Christian life. Teach me how to find true, overflowing joy in serving others. Show me how my life is not to be spent thinking about myself but about you and your people. Amen

Pray for All Men

1. Honorable Ronald D. Ploetz, Cattaraugus County Judge
2. Honorable Jonathan Lippman, Chief Judge of The State of New York
3. John Glover Roberts, Jr., Chief Justice of The Supreme Court of The United States

Thursday

The reading for today is **Titus 3:14**.

Remember that yesterday, Paul had told Titus to take care of Zenas and Apollos when they came. Today we see that Titus was not the only one who was responsible to complete this task. The other church members in Crete were also to help out.

Paul wants the people in Crete to learn and keep learning how to do good works. One of the best ways to learn how to do good works is by practicing. In other words, you learn to do good works by doing good works. You learn on the job. We must read God's Word and then do what it says. He will teach us and help us to do a better job as we obey. If we do not obey, we will not learn.

An example of a man who practiced doing good works was Epaphroditus. If you read about him in Philippians 2:25-30, you will see that he was a man who helped and served others so diligently that he became deathly ill. He literally was spending his life (using it up) to serve God's people. Others in the church of Philippi were helpful to Paul and ministered to him as well as to God's people. (Philippians 4:15-16)

Why must we practice good works? The last part of the verse tells us that God does not want us to be unfruitful. We are saved by grace. Grace is the root of our tree where we draw strength and food from, but the fruit of our tree should be wonderful fruit that glorifies God. The Lord wants us to flourish and bring forth much fruit to be enjoyed by those around us.

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." - Ephesians 2:8-10

Tuesday Quiz

1. What is Paul wanting Titus to do according to today's verse?

2. Why do you think that Paul wanted Titus to wait until Artemas or Tychicus arrived before he left Crete?

3. In Ephesians 6:1, Tychicus is called 'faithful.' Read Proverbs 20:6 and Luke 16:10. Why do you think Tychicus would be a qualified replacement for Titus?

Suggestion for Prayer

Thank-you Lord for your church. Thank you for providing me with a spiritual family that will help me grow more into your likeness. Help me to do my part in helping others grow to become more like you as well. Amen.

Pray for the Church

1. Mr. Bob Howard
2. Mrs. Judy Mahnk
3. Mike, Kim, and Kayleigh Orcutt

Wednesday

Today's reading is **Titus 3:13**

Here again, we meet some more "obscure characters" of the Bible. Even though they only have small mentions, I hope you are understanding what great work the Lord did through men like Artemas and Tychicus. They were men who gave their lives for their Lord and I pray that we can be like them for Jesus' sake.

So today we meet Zenas and Apollos. These guys were probably the "mail-men." In other words, it probably was the case that they were the ones carrying around and delivering letters to the churches.

Zenas, as you can see, was a lawyer. He may have been a lawyer like the ones we have today or he may have been someone who studied God's laws very carefully. In other words, he may have been a theologian of sorts.

Apollos is a more well-known figure. I must say that Apollos was a man that we should look up to as a hero. With all due respect, all of the macho NFL players have no concept of the awe-inspiring, biblical manhood that Apollos displayed. He was "mighty in the Scriptures," "instructed in the way of the Lord," "fervent in spirit," speaking and teaching "diligently the things of the Lord," speaking boldly, helping much, mightily convincing people, willing to learn and be corrected. (Acts 18:24-28) Wow! Praise God! Surely, he is a man we should look up to.

Be careful though. Do not worship Apollos, but worship the Lord who worked in that man's heart. In Corinth, some of the church members were idolizing Apollos. They claimed to be Apollos' disciples. Paul rebuked (corrected) them and told them to follow Jesus and to be Jesus' disciples. Apollos' example was wonderful, and the Lord had made him godly, but his example should point us to the perfect man, the God-Man, Jesus Christ our Lord. "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ." (1 Cor. 11:1)

Finally, we notice that Titus is instructed to meet the needs of Zenas and Apollos. The church should be willing and able to help these men who were serving them. Zenas and Apollos were sacrificing many things to serve the Lord and his church, so Paul asks that the church sacrifices to help them.

Wednesday Quiz

True or False

- 1.) We ought to be willing to give our lives for Christ and His Gospel . T or F
- 2.) Apollos was too important a teacher to deal with little things like delivering mail. T or F
- 3.) Serving the Lord never means we will Never have to live a sacrificial life. T or F
- 4.) It is ok to worship men when they tell us truths about God and His Word. T or F

Suggestion for Prayer

Thank-you Lord for equipping me with spiritual gifts to help build your church. Please help me not to envy those who may be more in the "limelight" than I am. Thank you for your wisdom in how you choose to use each of your children. Amen.

Pray for Missionaries

Pray for missionaries who tell others about Jesus:

This week we remember the Doyle family. They are missionaries to Nicaragua. They have only been there a few months so please pray for them as they adjust to life. As of December, they were in need of more financial support. Please pray that God will meet that need.