

BE DEVOTED!

*Since God our Savior (3:4)...
Saved us (3:5) through His mercy and the
Regeneration & Renewal by the Holy Spirit
3:5)...through Jesus Christ our Savior (3:6) and has
“justified us by His grace”...
and this is “Trustworthy” (True; Reliable)*

BE DEVOTED...

Titus 3:8-15

⁸ *This saying is trustworthy. I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed God might be careful to **devote themselves to** good works. These are good and profitable for everyone. ⁹ But avoid foolish debates, genealogies, quarrels, and disputes about the law, because they are unprofitable and worthless. ¹⁰ Reject a divisive person after a first and second warning. ¹¹ For you know that such a person has gone astray and is sinning; he is self-condemned.*

Titus 3:8-15

¹² When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, make every effort to come to me in Nicopolis, because I have decided to spend the winter there. ¹³ Diligently help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey, so that they will lack nothing.

*¹⁴ Let our people learn to **devote themselves** to good works for pressing needs, so that they will not be unfruitful.*

¹⁵ All those who are with me send you greetings. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with all of you.

1. What Does it Mean to “be Devoted”?

ESV “so that those who have believed in God may **be careful to devote themselves...**” 3:8

NIV “so that those who have believed in God may **be careful to devote themselves...**” 3:8

KJV “that they which have believed in God might **be careful to maintain....**3:8

NKJV “that those who have believed in God should **be careful to maintain...**” 3:8

1. What Does it Mean to “*Be Devoted*”?

“to preside, to care for to be diligent to practice, to rule”

Rom. 12:8 “...If leading, with diligence...”

1 Thes. 5:12 “...give recognition to those who labor among you and lead you in the Lord and admonish you...”

1 Tim. 3:4 “... He must manage his own household competently...”
(3:4,5,12,17)

*Paul is saying in Titus - don't let life rule over you; your schedule; your money; emotions; kids; appetites; words... **Let the LORD Jesus Christ be LORD... Let Him RULE!***

2. What are we to be “*Be Devoted*” to..?

Paul is saying Let the LORD rule over you...

Be devoted to “good works...” not - just NOT bad, BUT the BEST, what is NOBLE, EXCELLENT, HONORABLE...

“Everything is permissible for me,” but not everything is beneficial. “Everything is permissible for me,” but I will not be mastered by anything...” 1 Cor. 6:12

“...devote themselves to good works. These are good and profitable for everyone...” Titus 3:8

2. What are we to be “*Be Devoted*” to..?

Be devoted to “good works” AND GOOD WORDS

“But avoid foolish debates, genealogies, quarrels and disputes...they are unprofitable...” Titus 3:9

Foolish – we get our word moron from this word...

Debates – arguments with no pursuit of TRUTH, just arguing for arguments sake...

Genealogies –

Quarrels – strife & contenton; wrangling & rivalry

Disputes – battles of words; legal; religious; political...

3. Who are we *Devoted to...*?

“Reject a divisive (heretic) person after a first and second warning...Diligently help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey...Let our people learn to devote themselves to good works and pressing needs, so they will not be unfruitful...” Titus 3:10-15

*Some **MEN reject Truth** & will not learn – **Reject them!** Not everyone with a following – deserves following!*

Our devotion is to the LORD Jesus AND those who love the faith and have experienced His Grace!

You ARE Devoted, we all are...

What are you Devoted to? Good Works & Words?

Who are you Devoted to? Yourself or the LORD?

*What or Who will you be devoted to
when you leave this place?*

“Choose you THIS DAY whom you will serve!” Josh. 24:24

*“No one can serve two masters, since either he will hate one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. **Matt. 6:24**”*

Titus was

Sent by Paul to Crete “*to set right what was left undone and... to appoint elders in every town.*” Titus 1:5

These elders were to hold fast to “*sound teaching and to refute those who contradict(ed) it.*” Titus 1:9

By knowing the truth and living the truth the future generations could impact Crete and the world for God’s Kingdom.

In closing out this letter Paul reminded Titus and the people of God to “*...devote themselves...*” (Titus 3:8,14)
