2Thess #146

What do you consider good works?

We will get back into the last few scriptures of 2Thessalonians chapter two today.

2Thes 2:13 But we should always give thanks to God for you, brothers *and sisters* beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.

[2Th 2:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2th/2/14/s_1118014) It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

You may obtain (free will) true spiritual growth and reach levels of a super-grace life.

The ultimate way to glorify GOD in time – during the angelic conflict, is to grow to maturity and receive all blessings, crowns and rewards already set aside for you.

[2Th 2:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2th/2/15/s_1118015) So then, brothers *and sisters,* stand firm and hold on to the traditions which you were taught, whether by word *of mouth* or by letter from us.

The traditions the Apostle Paul is speaking about, is accurate doctrine received from ordained men of GOD such as himself.

Because those who had received the false teaching about the end times had infected many others in that congregation.

[2Th 2:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2th/2/16/s_1118016) Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace,

The Doctrine of Eternal Security is exactly what the Apostle Paul is pointing out.

**/**[2Th 2:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2th/2/17/s_1118017) comfort and strengthen your hearts **in every good work and word**.\

We just spent nearly 8 hours on the doctrine of thorns because it is so very important for a Bel to fully digest.

Turn to Titus chapter two RF.

Thorns and thistles are around every corner in the cosmic system. We need to be alert of our own weaknesses as well as the schemes of Satan.

Notice that last verse states - in every GOOD WORK and WORD which go together.

/If the Believer becomes very alert to the trickery of the cosmic system and their own OSN which leads them astray. They can grow at an accelerated pace once they begin to apply the two power options daily. The thorns and thistles will lessen in their walk. Then they will begin to emanate the Fruit of the Spirit, which in turn ignites DIVINE WORK.\

Good work is the same terminology for divine work.

This divine work rarely appears in the life of a Christian who refuses to grow up spiritually.

Now as many of you know – if you have been with me for the past few years, Titus was sent into some of the Greek congregations like Corinth and then back into Crete.

Since the day of Pentecost there were Bels on the Greek island of Crete. These Bels had never been organized into local churches.

They had no leadership such as a pastor-teacher.

And the Greek men were notorious for stubborn and aggressive attitudes and Titus being a natural born Greek citizen, was the perfect candidate and the Apostle Paul knew this.

Titus was a strong and no-nonsense leader the Apostle Paul could count on to straighten things out.

My current book I am working is about Titus, it’s from our South Dakota Conference – it is a call to leadership.

/All Christians fall under the authority of the WORD. We are the body and Christ (head) assigned leaders and teachers to establish HIS church. The Bel does not grow outside of a deep relationship with the WORD (Christ) and in that relationship is a chain of command. Titus understood this concept and followed the authority of Paul. This is the calling for all CA Bels to blossom under the teaching of a pastor who accurately submits to the authority of the WORD.\

Titus 2:1 But *as for* you, proclaim the things which are fitting for sound doctrine.

These are the marching orders or commands handed down to Titus.

Stay within the exact framework of accurate doctrine you know to be true.

/Titus 2:1 - *Sound doctrine-*

*hygiainō* *didaskalia –* That which brings health and that which is full or whole, related to the teaching or instruction of the Master.\

WHO-GEE-I-KNOW, points to a full concept of health or a whole of the truth.

DEE-DAS-GA-LEE-A, means deep principles of instruction from the Master.

The root word – DEE-DAS-CO-LAS, meant the expert instructor - the doctor, the leader or the master.

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In this case the Master instructor TLJC.

[Tit 2:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/tit/2/2/s_1131002) Older men are to be temperate, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, in perseverance.

[Tit 2:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/tit/2/3/s_1131003) Older women likewise *are to be* reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good,

The original language does not necessarily point to elderly men and women, but to mature, grown men and women with life experience.

/A young man that is 21 or 22 years old, can have greater skills and qualities related to leadership more so, then a man at the age of 50 years old who has lived an undisciplined lifestyle. Same goes for the ladies – age will not always be a deciding factor if the person has maturity of soul. They live in Biblical norms and standards and follow the word of God for their guidance.\

The Apostle Paul is teaching a good principle of doctrine for all Bels to pay attention too;

/Prov 27:17 *As* iron sharpens iron, So one person sharpens another.

Those who consistently fellowship and communicate with other positive Bels can hold a strong hedge against counterfeits entering their life.\

When one Bel grows toward maturity they should have an open heart to help or advise those who are struggling in certain areas.

I’m not condoning an attitude of being a busy-body… but developing a helpful nature for other Christians is a good sign of maturity.

[Tit 2:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/tit/2/4/s_1131004) so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,

[Tit 2:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/tit/2/5/s_1131005) *to be* sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.

Unfortunately, the day and age we now live in - the average household would be financially crippled if two paychecks were not coming in.

Satan has many victories that go unnoticed in our day to day lives.

Because of satanic corruption in leadership over the course of many years, married couples struggle with financially staying above water.

It brings great stress into a marriage when you barely can pay the bills at the end of the week.

Many households - mine included, depend on two paychecks.

[Tit 2:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/tit/2/6/s_1131006) Likewise urge the young men to be sensible;

/[Tit 2:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/tit/2/7/s_1131007) in all things show yourself *to be* an **example of good deeds** (*kalos ergon*)***,* *with* purity in doctrine, dignified**,

Meaning to be genuine, honest, having integrity - in this case, divine virtue in your effort and calling or enterprise.\

CAL-US AIR-GONE – honorable and filled with purity and to be praiseworthy within a certain labor or effort you are called into.

This is Divine GOOD.

This is only achieved by the two-power options firing on both cylinders, by a supernatural power beyond our flesh.

The core foundation comes from the accuracy of the WORD.

Remember a basic principle your soul is like a computer – garbage in – garbage out. When you input good data it produces a good and accurate outcome.

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/[Tit 2:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/tit/2/7/s_1131007) - *with purity in doctrine* (*didaskalia*), *dignified,*

The original root word points to a Master teacher, a highly respected instructor, professor/doctor, this means Jesus Christ.\

The word doctrine is the Greek noun–

DEE-DOS-CA-LEE-AH, which means master instructions and precepts.

The word we covered earlier.

Jesus Christ and the WORD of God are inseparable.

It is the mind of Christ!

Your master instructor and precepts that guide your life are the WORD!

Purity of BD – speaks to accuracy in handling the word.

You display Theandric Action when you have a Divine Work – you are showing CHRIST to those around you.

[Tit 2:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/tit/2/8/s_1131008) sound *in* speech which is beyond reproach, so that the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us.

[Tit 2:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/tit/2/9/s_1131009) *Urge* slaves to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be pleasing, not argumentative,

The translation for this today speaks to employer and employee.

If you work somewhere and you have no respect for the authority or chain of command, find a new place to work.

Or gain some humility and buckle down into the WORD of God and learn to be compliant to authority.

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[Tit 2:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/tit/2/10/s_1131010) not stealing, but showing all good faith so that they will adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect.

[Tit 2:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/tit/2/11/s_1131011) For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all people,

Unlimited Atonement…TLJC sacrificed HIMSELF for the sins of the whole world.

[Tit 2:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/tit/2/12/s_1131012) instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously, and in a godly manner in the present age,

[Tit 2:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/tit/2/13/s_1131013) looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,

Looking for the Rapture of the church and after that the 2nd Advent of Christ.

By the way – another great scripture pointing to the deity of Christ.

[/Tit 2:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/tit/2/14/s_1131014) who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, **eager for good deeds**.

We are a special people (Royalty) and we should seek the things of divine royalty – our works and efforts should resemble who we are - DIVINE GOOD.\

An ambassador is there representing his leadership – his country...yours and mine is HEAVEN, our leader is TLJC.

Christ redeem us from EVERY lawless deed from yesterday, today and next week, it is finished.

Tit 2:15 These things speak and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. No one is to disregard you.

That instruction is for Titus to remain strong even in the face of opposition and disrespect.

As a pastor-teacher, or any position of leadership - you cannot allow the opinion and disrespect of others to cause you to become weak and ineffective.

In fact, there is a call to shut it down before it turns into a cancer – that is what strong leadership does.

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We are going to close this chapter out with a quick overview into the doctrine of Divine Good.

Let me get ready close today with a quote from my spiritual grandfather;

/*Whatever counts for God in our lives must be related to the filling of the Spirit. There is no effective function of good in our lives or effective Christian service apart from the filling of the Holy Spirit.*

 *Col. R.B. Thieme Jr.* \

The two power options of the filling power of GOD the HS… and the WORD of GOD circulating in your soul structure is the true foundation of your spiritual life.

There is no maturity without them.

Which means no Fruit of the Spirit growing which is what leads to Divine Good.

/A Christian can do the most generous and compassionate deeds, yet without proper motivation and application of BD while being filled by GOD the HS, it is considered wood, hay and stubble in the end.

1Cor 3:12 Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, **wood, hay, *or* straw**, 13 **each one’s work will become evident;** for the day will show it because it is *to be* revealed with fire, and **the fire itself will test the quality of each one’s work.\**

Christian service can be fulfilled in the power of human ability or talent, performed by your human energy, your personal I.Q. rather than the power of God.

Anything done with wrong motivation or not under the filling of the Holy Spirit is not divine good.

There must be spiritual growth before there can be the production of divine good.