

POINTS TO STRESS

TITUS 3:8-11

Introduction:

- A. The truth must constantly be stressed. v8
  - 1. It is not enough to say it once.
  - 2. Most preachers have preached about a subject one week and had some one ask about it the next.
  
- B. Paul tells Titus to "firmly insist" on these matters.
  - 1. What matters?
  - 2. Preceding verses.
    - a. Remind them of what they were, v3
    - b. How they were saved, v5
    - c. Result of being saved, v7

I. SAVED PEOPLE SHOULD DO GOOD WORKS.

- A. that they which have believed in God, might be careful to maintain good works.
  - 1. Saved should do it!
  - 2. Careful = phrontizo - to think, to consider, to take thought for, make it their business.
  - 3. maintain = to cause to stand before, to put forward, to take the lead in doing good.
  
- B. What are good works?
  - 1. It is not the absence of evil works!
    - a. The Pharisees.
      - (1) I Thank Thee I am Not as.....
  - 2. They are actions, activities, works.
  - 3. They are according to the Bible.
  - 4. They are ordained of God!
    - a. Eph. 2:8-10.
    - b. You may disobey!



C. Why do Good works?

1. "these things are good and profitable unto men."
  - a. good = kalos = used twice, beautiful, referring to objects whose appearance has a certain harmonious perfection, objects perceived, the perfect inward nature manifesting and demonstrating itself in an outward shape.
  - b. profitable = useful, helpful, of real use to mankind, the world will benefit from it.
  - c. Does your life fit these words, this concept?
  - d. Matt. 5:13-16.

II. SOME THINGS SAID PEOPLE SHOULD AVOID.

- A. avoid = to step aside, out of the way, shun, beware of.
- B. foolish questions = moros = moronic.
  1. foolish = moron.
  2. questions = the act of searching, seeking, inquiry.
  3. "Where did Cain get his wife?"
  4. "What shall this man do?"
- C. genealogies = tracing of one's family, making a pedigree, tracing a family.
  1. Why would people do this?
  2. Old, first-families of the church deserve respect for faithfulness but do not deserve anymore attention or hold any more power.
  3. Should not clan together, but invite newer members to participate.
- D. contentions = epis - quarrel, rivalry, wrangling.
- E. strivings about the laws = do not argue about Jewish Laws.
- F. unprofitable and vain.
  1. futile and purposeless.

G. A man that is a heretick.

1. What is a heretick?
  - a. A person who doesn't believe the Bible.
  - b. Moonies = Jim Jones = People's Temple= NO! NO!
2. airetikos = able to choose or select; one who acts from a party spirit, a factious person.
3. A heretic is a man who does the things just mentioned.

H. After the first and second admonition, reject.

1. reject = paraiteomai = to ask beside, ask aside, get rid of by asking, beg off from, to excuse one's self
2. Ask them to quit once or twice and then ask them to leave.

I. v11, Why?

1. subverted = changed for the worse.
2. sinneth = missed the mark.
3. condemned = doing in his own case what he condemns in general.