

THE CHRISTIAN AND CIVIL POWER
TITUS 3:1-2

Introduction:

- A. The Cretians lived in two worlds.
 - 1. Citizens of spiritual.
 - 2. Citizens of Temporal.

 - B. How shall we behave in each?
 - 1. Instructions on how to live and behave in church.
 - 2. Chapter 3:1,2 teaches them to obey Civil Authority.

 - C. Many churches teach civil disobedience.
 - 1. Marches to protest many things.
 - 2. Church should not involve itself in MOST civil issues.
- I. "PUT THEM IN MIND."
- A. hupomimnisko = to cause them to remember, remind them.
 - 1. Don't let them forget!
- II. "TO BE SUBJECT TO PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS."
- A. subject hupotasso = put one's self under the authority of another.
 - B. Principalities = the first person or thing that commences, the rule.
 - C. Powers = echousia = delegated authority, duly constituted authority.
 - 1. Difference between Titus and Eph. 6:12.
- III. "TO OBEY MAGISTRATES."
- A. To obey a ruler or superior.

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B. To be obedient.

C. "To obey and do good works."

IV. "TO SPEAK EVIL OF NO MAN."

A. Do not rail at people, do not be argumentative.

B. To tell the truth is not speaking evilly!

V. "TO BE NO BRAWLERS."

A. brawlers = do not engage in fist fights.

VI. "TO BE GENTLE."

A. gentle = epiekeis = it expresses a moderation which recognizes the impossibility of cleaving to all formal law. Not always insisting on legal rights.

B. Could be translated as, "Sweet reasonableness."

VI. "SHEWING ALL MEEKNESS TO ALL MEN."

A. meekness = not outward behaviour only but first affected in the heart. An acceptance of His will and everything that happens, not quarrelsome against God, therefore gentle toward men.