

**Series "Order In The Church"**  
**"The Watchful Church"**  
**Titus 3:9-15**  
**Study-7**

**Song of Songs 2:15**

**The Theme Of Titus Is "Order In The Church."**

**Titus 1 – Godliness In The Church: Titus 1:10-11**

**Titus 2 – Godliness In The Individual/Home: Titus 2:1**

**Titus 3 – Godliness In The World: Before authorities and neighbors.**

**Titus 3:14**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** Believers Need To Beware Of Foolish Arguments, And Troublemakers, But Instead Engaged In Good Deeds And Helping Others.

**1. Verse 9 – Avoid Foolishness**

**2. Verses 10-11 – Avoid Troublemakers**

**3. Verses 12-15 – Engage In Good Works**

**1. Verse 9 – Avoid Foolishness:**

Titus 3:9

"But" – Paul left off with instructing Titus to teach the believers in the churches to be godly in the world, Titus 3:8.

False Teaching: "avoid" – "keep on shunning, to turn oneself about, to purposely keep on turning away from something or someone."

"foolish" – Greek word "moros", we get "moron, moronic"; "dull, silly, stupid, blockhead, or absurd."

"controversies" – "searching and investigating and questionings; came to mean silly questions, controversial contentions."

Titus 1:14

"and genealogies" – (Good – Priesthood, Kings, Messiah)

“and strife” – “self-centered quarreling, wrangling, contention, debate about the truth.”

“disputes” – “striving, a battle, controversy, fighting.”

In the Pastoral Epistles, the marks of false teaching are controversies, strife, and disputes. Titus 1:10-12; 1 Timothy 1:4-7; 6:3-5; 2 Timothy 2:23.

“for they are unprofitable” – (“useless, not beneficial”); “and worthless” – (“profitless, void of results, idol, vanity”). 1 Timothy 1:6-7

## **2. Verses 10-11 – Avoid Troublemakers:**

“Reject” – “to shun, avoid, to refuse, to beg off from, decline, have nothing to do with.”

2 Thessalonians 3:14-15

1 Timothy 4:7

2 Timothy 2:23

Romans 16:17

“a factious man” – We get “heretic” – This word means “one who makes a choice, to choose in order to please self, a choosing of a party or of teaching, a person who causes divisions.”

1 Corinthians 11:18-19

Galatians 5:20

“after a first and second warning,” – Note Paul does not tell Titus to talk theology with them but to warn them!

Matthew 18:15-20

1 Timothy 5:19-20

Titus 3:11

Why We Must Shun Them: “knowing that such a man is perverted” – “warped, twisted or corrupt, mentally and morally twisted”, 1 Timothy 4:1-2.

"and is sinning," – "keeps on sinning"; Knowingly keeps on going against the light of God's Word; "sinning" – "missing the mark, a failure to fulfill God's commands."

"being self-condemned." – Not "God Condemned."

There are times when we must fight – Titus 1:9

Jude 1:3

But if we honestly love to fight then we must ask if we are following God's priorities? 2 Timothy 2:24-25

### **3. Verses 12-15 – Engage In Good Works:**

Titus 3:12

Verses 12-13 – Fellow Servants: "When I send Artemas"

"or Tychicus" – name means "fortunate"; His name is mentioned 5X in Scripture.

Acts 20:4

Ephesians 6:21-22

Colossians 4:7

Titus 3:13

"Diligently help Zenas the lawyer" – this could be a converted Roman litigator or a converted Ex-Rabbi, a teacher of the Mosaic Law.

"and Apollos" – Acts 18:24-28; Mighty in Scriptures, 1 Corinthians 1:12.

"on their way" – "send forward on a journey."

Verses 14-15 – Faithful Friends: Titus 3:14

"Our people" – this is not limited to Crete, but to all believers everywhere.

"must also learn to engage in good deeds" – Paul reminded Titus of the main theme of the letter: Titus 3:8.

Example Of Good Works: Titus 3:13

“to meet pressing needs,” – to whatever occasion may demand them, those things that are needful.

“so that they will not be unfruitful.” – Not only in supplying the needs, but in cultivating Christian graces in themselves by acts of Christian service.

Galatians 5:22-23

Titus 3:15

2 Thessalonians 3:18

“Grace” – that favor of God, so precious and so necessary for Christian life and growth. Grace is the source of salvation, all blessings, all that God can provide.

**Paul Had Just Spoken About “Good Works.” Now He Speaks Of “Grace” – Good Works And Grace Go Together!**

**Application:**

1. In the Pastoral Epistles, The Marks Of False Teaching Are Controversies, Strife, And Disputes.
2. There Are Times When Christians Must Fight, But If We Honestly Love To Fight, Then We Must Ask If We Are Following God’s Priorities?
3. God’s People Who Are Engaged In Good Deeds Meeting Pressing Needs, Will Not Be Unfruitful.