



LESSON 6: DOING GOOD | TITUS 3: 1-2

Lesson six will be a little bit different; tonight in small group you are only going to cover two verses about doing good. We won't necessarily get into the why we do this, that will be how we end this series in week seven, but tonight we will read the six things that the Apostle Paul instructs Titus to remind the Christians of Crete to do. The commands are only two verses yet hold six actions of doing good, some of these will be easy to read and follow with our lives but I'm sure one or two of these will strike a cord with you and your students of an area in our lives that need to change. Doing good matters, it changes how we treat people and how others view us as Christ followers. Our hope is the small group discussions will move students to actions and maybe even your whole group will be motivated by the words of Paul and want to do good.

LESSON OBJECTIVE

In this lesson, we want students to take a good look at not only their actions but also their heart. As we dive into six ways that we can do good as Christ followers we hope one of these areas becomes a point of action. That we not only read the words but change our lives to reflect Christ and choose to do good with all our actions.

LESSON OVERVIEW

In this lesson, we will look at Paul's instructions to Titus for how Christians are to live. Paul gives six areas that we are to do good in our lives. The first is following the rules and obey the laws of the land. Second to be obedient and ready to do good. The third is to not slander or talk bad about anyone, and the fourth is to not fight and quarrel with others. And the last two are to be gentle and humble, which can sound simple except when the intention is to be gentle and humble with everyone, not just those we like. Our hope is these two verses spark amazing conversation in your small group about our actions, as individuals and even as a group. That tonight will be about how we do good in this world and let our actions shine bright for our love of Christ.

BIBLE PASSAGES

The following passages will be covered in this lesson. Read through them, and use the margin to take notes.

Teaching Group 1: Ephesians 4:29 (NLT) & Romans 12:17 (NLT)

Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. Ephesians 4:29 (NLT)

Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. Romans 12:17 (NLT)

Teaching Group 2: 1 Peter 2:23 (NLT) & Philippians 2:3 (NLT)

He did not retaliate when he was insulted,
nor threaten revenge when he suffered.
He left his case in the hands of God,
who always judges fairly. 1 Peter 2:23 (NLT)

Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Philippians 2:3 (NLT)

Small Group Passage: Titus 3: 1-2 (NLT)

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PAUSE AND REFLECT

TEACHING FROM THE HEART

After reading these passages, I feel God is teaching me, challenging me, convicting me...

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Is your heart ready to teach this lesson? If no, what will it take to get your heart right to teach?

Now that you're done, look through your above thoughts and make which ones you feel may be appropriate (should the opportunity arise) to teach, communicate or share with your small group.

TEACHING GUIDE

Starting Out

Begin the lesson by helping your students generate some thoughts about the theme of the lesson. Use the following fill-ins to assist you. Feel free to allow some discussion.

What would it look like to have a good **reputation**? What do you think you would need to do to have people think highly of you? Tonight we are going to look at how you can have a good reputation and what we need to do because our actions matter and the Bible instructions us to be doers of **good works**.

Teaching Groups “Study”

This is the time for you to break your C-group into two different groups. Make the groups “random” and see to it that these groups change each week. Give the following instructions to your C-Group:

As you break into groups, don't sit with the groups – LET YOUR STUDENTS DEAL WITH THE PASSAGE ON THEIR OWN. After a couple of minutes, you should walk around to check on and help each group.

Teaching Groups “Teach”

Have each group give their “presentation” and summary; don't let the other students in the group be disruptive. Since you may experience a degree of CHAOS once the TEACHING GROUPS are done sharing. I suggest you take a few moments to wrap up each passage (you can either do this after each group is done, or after both of them have finished). This will allow you to highlight the important points from each passage and relate them to the theme of the night's lesson.

SMALL GROUP TIME

Use your small group time to a) discuss the Bible passage and answer any questions, b) make personal applications, and c) share prayer requests and pray.

Bible Study and Discussion

Read Small Group Passage: Titus 3:1-2 (NLT)

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CONTENT QUESTIONS

1. Does anything in this passage seem weird or doesn't make sense?
2. In your own words, what instructions does Paul give to Titus to remind the believers to do?
3. How many things does Paul say to do?
4. What do you think submit to government and it's officers means? Is this something we need to do now?
5. What does being obedient mean to you? Is this easy to do or not? Are there some areas in your life that are easier than others to be obedient?
6. How would you describe slander? What does slander do? How do we not do it?
7. What does avoiding quarreling mean to you? How does one do that?
8. Give an example of being gentle and being humble?

.APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Do you find these six areas that Paul instructs us to do good in challenging? Which one is the most challenging to you? Why?
2. Is it right to always submit to the government? What does submit to the government mean anyways? Is there ways we can do this well or not do this well?
3. In these two verses Paul says to be obedient and ready to do good, what's the hardest part about being obedient? Which of these two things is harder for you; to be obedient or to do good? Are they the same thing?
4. On to the tough questions, how do we stop slander in our lives? Can you think of an example of slander in your life? Can you think of a time you started or continued slander among your friends? Is there a time you stopped it?
5. What does quarreling look like in your life? Who would you say you quarrel with the most? When you fight, what do you do? How does it affect your relationships?
6. What is an area of your life you could be more gentle with? Why?
7. What do you think showing true humility looks like? How do we do that? What does humility look like in your life?
8. Which of these six areas do you need to work on? (Take time and have everyone in your group who is comfortable share)
9. Which of these areas could you as a group take more serious? Like if your C-Group took just one of these areas, what could you do? How do you show as a group your good works? Brainstorm together and maybe commit to as a group an action plan!