

FFBC Sermon Study Guide



The Power of a Transformed Church: Dynamic Directives for Everyone – Titus 2:15–3:2

A guide to help you dig deeper into God’s Word this week (the questions correspond to the sermon that was preached today). We encourage you to write your answers in a separate notebook. Unless noted, all Scripture quotations are from the *English Standard Version*.

Day 1 | Read Titus 2:15–3:8

1. The great 20th Century preacher, Martyn Lloyd-Jones said, “Preaching is theology coming through a man who is on fire.” What distinguishes *preaching* from *teaching*?
2. What distinguishes all other forms of communication that may be called “preaching” from genuine preaching (a.k.a. “expository preaching”)?
3. Why is the man of God commanded to preach God’s Word “with all authority”? Where does his authority come from?

Day 2 | Read Titus 2:15–3:8

1. What did Paul mean when he told Titus to “Let no one disregard you”? In what ways must an elder help his flock to avoid the tendency to avoid or dismiss certain commands of Scripture?
2. How does the elders’ commitment to expository preaching foster a culture of submission to the authority of God’s Word?
3. What are some practical ways you can become a better hearer of God’s Word?
4. Read 2 Peter 2:12–15 (cf. Titus 3:1). Why must a preacher be committed to “the ministry of reminding,” and why must all believers be eager to be regularly reminded of the truth?

Day 3 | Read Titus 2:15–3:8

1. According to Romans 13:1–2, what is the basis for the command of Titus 3:1? What does Paul call governing authorities (Rom. 13:4)?
2. How do the attitude of submission and the action of obedience work hand-in-hand?
3. The command to submit to governing authorities is unconditional (i.e. we are to honor and obey whether or not we believe the authorities are worthy of that honor and obedience). However, what is the caveat to this we find in Scripture (see Acts 5:29)?

Day 4 | Read Titus 2:15–3:8

1. Christians are called to the servants of all. How can the instruction and example of our Lord Jesus help us “to be ready for every good work” (see Mk. 10:42–45)?
2. Why is it so difficult to control our speech, especially when someone has offended us? What does James say about slanderous speech (see Jam. 3:8–10)?
3. According to James 4:1, what is the source of our conflicts with others? What are some biblical ways we can *avoid* needless conflict? What are some biblical ways we can work to *resolve* conflict?

Day 5 | Read Titus 2:15–3:8

1. Look up Titus 3:2 in several Bible translations. How is the word “gentle” (ESV) rendered in each of them, and how does this help you to grasp the richness of this word?
2. In what ways do you need to change in order to be characterized by a “sweet reasonableness” that will demonstrate the character of Christ to others?