

## Good Works

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### Introduction

1. Ephesians 2:8-10; 2 Timothy 2:21
2. The Christians is called to do good works
3. Paul emphasizes “works” to Titus 8 times is that letter to him
4. Let us study how Paul uses this word in Titus

### II Discussion

1. Titus 1:16 is works they deny God
  - a. Some has said profession without possession spells condemnation. James 2:14
  - b. The word, “reprobate” has reference to the testing of coins for genuineness, dross
  - c. The great contradiction of this verse
    - i. Their knowledge of God was purely theoretical or speculative, but they were practicing atheists
    - ii. Hypocrites often profess great knowledge of God
    - iii. They were useless for the service of God as reprobate silver, which cannot bear the fire of the refiner
2. Titus 2:7 pattern of good works
  - a. A Pattern or type, an example, we are to practice what we preach
  - b. We can tear down with one hand what we build with the other
  - c. This pattern is to be presented in all things, for all things
  - d. This is to Titus himself 1 Timothy 4:12
  - e. In doctrine this is the truth Acts 2:42
  - f. Gravity points to the seriousness of purpose and to self-respect in conduct
  - g. Sincerity Incorruptibility non-decaying
  - h. Sound of speech, not hollow rhetoric, vain repetitions Matthew 6:7
3. Titus 2:14 Zealous of good works
  - a. Zealous has to deal with zealots which in an uncompromising partisan
  - b. The design of redemption is to consecrate a people for holy service, for priestly worship in separation from the world 1 Peter 2:5, 9
  - c. Will we ever quit these good works, 2 Peter 1:5-8
  - d. What if someone hurts us, did God, Christ or the Holy Spirit
  - e. Why quit good works
4. Titus 3:1 ready to every good work (context is civil)
  - a. Ready is eager or prepared for every good work, active is service
  - b. Careful in speech Jude 9 Michael dealing with the devil over the body of Moses
  - c. Tolerant, not a fighter, stand for what is right but listen to others
  - d. Kind, not just the letter of the law but the intent of the law
  - e. Gentle temper is always under complete control, help others
5. Titus 3:5 not by works of righteousness
  - a. We are saved by the mercy of God

- b. We can do nothing to merit salvation, yet there is something we must do Acts 16:30
- c. We must do the works of Him John 6:28-29
- 6. Titus 3:8, 14 Maintaining good works
  - a. To maintain is to presiding over or ruling
  - b. We are to provoke one another in keeping up with these good works Hebrews 10:24
  - c. These good works are to be done so that God is glorified Matthew 5:16

### III Conclusion

1. What kind of works will follow you Revelation 14:13
2. Obeying the Gospel is a good work
3. Continuing to live faithful until death is a good work Revelation 2:10
4. Have you done these things, if not now is the time to act!

Source: sermon preached 1993; Logos ; Truth for today commentary 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus