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MEN OF THE WORD
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Titus – “Hold fast the faithful word”

Session 10

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“Stewardship of the gospel”

Paul now goes from discipleship within the church to stewardship of the gospel outside the church. A true disciple of Jesus Christ is called to be a good steward of the gospel that saved them. Our conduct outside the four walls of the church will speak volumes about the power of the gospel to change lives. It is such a powerful witness that Paul urges Titus to **“remind”** the believers about it, and begins with some of the qualities of good stewardship. It is one thing to act all Christian inside the church; saying the right Christian phrases (Christian-ese?), singing all the popular songs and calling each other ‘brother’; but how do you represent Christ in your community? Do you act just like the world in your responsibilities as a citizen, or do you display the fruit of the Spirit in your conduct toward those in authority and others in the community?

Passage: Titus 3:1-2 (NKJV)

Personal Study Time Questions:

Scripture: Titus 3:1

What does Paul want Titus to **“remind”** the church when it comes to their attitude toward **“rulers and authorities”**?

Scripture: Romans 13:1-2

Although the **“governing authorities”** of this world don’t always act like they know or believe it, what does Paul say about them? What are we doing when we **“resist”** that authority?

Scripture: Titus 3:2

What qualities should we as Christians display toward **“all men”** in our communities?

Scripture: Romans 12:17-18

This passage calls us to display similar traits as stated in this week’s lesson. What does Paul teach us we need to do with the **“good things”** we learn inside the church?

Scripture: Matthew 5:16

What goal should we keep in mind as we look to **“shine”** by our **“good works”** as citizens of our community?

Personal meditation time with Jesus:

How we conduct ourselves in the sight of the world can be a powerful witness for the gospel. Read and meditate on *Colossians 4:5-6*. Are you living as a citizen of your community in such a way that will **“redeem the time”**? How do you think being a godly citizen can help redeem the time? Are you acting the way worldly citizens do, or as Christ would have you do, so that you might find opportunities to share the gospel of Jesus Christ to those around you? It’s easy to get caught up in the political and racial hatred that is evident in our world today. In what way do you need to change the way you look at your responsibilities as a citizen and in your community so that you might be a better representative of your Savior, and a good steward of the gospel that totally changed your life?

Hide God's Word in your heart (Ps. 119:11):

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:16