

## Study 7

### Read Titus 3:8-15

#### **I. Avoid foolish controversies (8-11)**

##### **Discussion Questions**

- What are “these things” that Titus was to insist on?
- Are some things worth arguing about? If so, what?
- Based on verse 8, how could “good works” be defined?
- What type of topics should be avoided? Why?
- Why do people care about these things since they are clearly useless?
- What are some examples of discussions which fall into these categories in verse 9?
- If we should avoid those things, what should we then pursue?
- How can you help guide people to think about and focus on important topics rather than frivolous ones?
- How should we deal with people who stir up division?
- Is it loving to cut off communications with such a person?
- What does it mean that such a person is warped?

**Application** – Just as “all roads lead to Rome,” all Scripture leads to Christ. Ministries should focus on the gospel rather than peripheral issues.

**Reflect** – What are some teachings/truths that Bible teachers should insist on? What are some issues that are acceptable to compromise on?

**Reflect** – What are some examples of things people spend time on that are not profitable?

**Application** – Is the majority of your time spent doing things that are profitable for people? Spend some time evaluating your daily activities and schedule, asking the simple question, “is that profitable?”

**Application** – The meaning of the verse is simple and clear. Don’t spend a lot of time arguing with someone who just wants to cause trouble.

## **II. Personal instructions to Titus (12-14)**

### **Discussion Questions**

- What do you know about Tychicus?
- What personal instructions did Paul give Titus?
- What do these verses show us about team?
- What do they show us about Paul’s ministry?
- What final reminder does Paul give Timothy?
- How important is the reminder in verse 14?
- What are some specific ways you can devote yourself to good deeds this week?

**Application** – Are you part of a team? Do you work well with others? Spend some time evaluating your ability to cooperate with others as part of a team. Are there any areas you need to grow in?

## **III. Final greetings (15)**

- How does Paul close this letter?
- What can we learn from that?

**Reflect** – What are the key points you learned from this book? Which principles from this book can transform your life, attitude, or service for God? And how?