

“KINGDOM LIVING”

Making A Difference ... Living For God

Titus 2:11-15

Titus 2:14; Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

Introduction: Paul writes to Titus with instructions for churches to correct false teaching and teach believers how to live for God. Christ gave Himself so believers could live in a way that makes a difference in the Kingdom.

Central Focus: When we truly belong to Christ, the way we live should make a difference in our families, communities, and church. Every day, our choices reveal whether we are living for ourselves or living for God.

(1). Saved By Grace: Stop trying to prove your worth through status, success or people's approval. God's grace reminds us that our value comes from what Christ has done, not from what we can achieve. ***For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8***

(2). Shaped For Godliness: Learn to control your desires, make better choices, treat people right, and live with Godliness. The world should be able to see that following Christ has changed how we talk, think and respond. ***Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering. Colossians 3:12***

(3). Serving With Purpose: Look for opportunities to use your influence to help others strengthen God's kingdom. Christ saved us to make a difference in our families, communities, and church. ***Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16***

Conclusion: God did not redeem us to blend in to the world, but to live with character and purpose. When we truly encounter Christ, our lives begin to make a difference.

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What does it mean to make a difference in the Kingdom? How does living for God change the way we live every day? Making a difference in the Kingdom happens when our lives bring hope, help, and positive change to others. Our obedience to God becomes visible through the way we love, serve, and treat people. Paul taught Titus, God's grace should produce a visible change in the way believers live. Because God has saved us by His grace, the Holy Spirit teaches us to reject the attitudes and desires that pull us away from God. Christ calls us to live with self-control, integrity, and purpose in the world around us. As redeemed people, we should be ready and willing to do good wherever God has placed us.

Living For God requires rejecting ungodliness, treating people right, and becoming eager to do good. Our words, attitudes, and lifestyles should reflect the change Christ has made within us. Every opportunity to serve becomes a chance to strengthen our families, communities, and church. A life surrendered to God leaves a positive difference wherever life carries us. Today, let us be encouraged knowing God has called us to make a difference in His kingdom. We all will make a difference when we commit ourselves to living for God, rather than living for ourselves. What a mighty God we serve! Yes and Amen.

.... Living For God

- Christ's work in us should bless everyone we meet. Living for God allows the Holy Spirit to shape our choices, desires and conduct.
- Use your words and actions to encourage, serve, and strengthen others. The people around us should feel the impact of our relationship with Christ.

Enhance Your Faith, Set Boundaries

SNAPSHOT
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Who: Paul writes to Titus, his trusted partner in ministry.

What: He instructs Titus to correct false teaching, strengthen the churches, and teach believers how to live in a way that honors God and helps others.

When: Paul writes after leaving Titus in Crete to complete the work of strengthening and organizing the churches.

Where: The churches were scattered across the island of Crete, within a culture known for moral corruption and false teaching.

Why: False teaching, unhealthy behavior, and a corrupt culture were influencing believers and weakening the church's impact.

How: Through Christ's redemption and the Holy Spirit's work, believers reject ungodliness, live with integrity, and become eager to do good.

THE STORY

Paul left Titus in Crete with a difficult assignment. The churches were surrounded by false teaching, ungodly behavior, and a culture that did not honor God. Paul reminded Titus that Christ gave Himself to redeem, purify, and change His people. Titus was to teach believers that their faith should shape how they lived every day.

By rejecting ungodliness and treating people right, their lives could make a visible difference throughout Crete. Their eagerness to serve and do good would bring glory to God.

REFLECTION / APPLICATION

The world encourages us to live for ourselves, but Christ calls us to live with character, compassion, and purpose. Through the Holy Spirit, we can reject ungodliness, make better choices, and use our lives to help others.

This week, look for one opportunity to encourage someone, meet a need, or strengthen your family, community, or church. Let the difference Christ has made in you become visible through the way you live for God each day.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank You for giving Your Son to redeem us, purify us, and make us Your own. Help us to make a difference through the way we love, serve, and treat others.

Guide us by Your Holy Spirit as we commit ourselves to living for God. Shape our choices, strengthen our character, and use our lives to bless our families, communities, and church. In Jesus' Name, Yes and AMEN!

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