

Devoted to Good Works Message 2

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# Outline

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Titus 3:8 (NLT)

# A. Introduction (Titus 3:8; Romans 6:1)

# B. I can grow in my devotion to good works by...

1. Understanding they are a \_\_\_\_\_

of my\_\_\_\_\_. (Titus 3:8. C/R: Galatians 5:16-26; Ephesians 2:10; Philippians 2:13; Titus 2:14) 2. Upholding my\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Titus 3:1-2. C/R: Acts 2:22-23; Romans 14:12; Galatians 6:5; Philippians 2:12-13)

3. Underscoring the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of God. (Titus 2:10. C/R: Matthew 5:16; James 1:27; 1 Peter 2:9,12)

Answers: 1. result, salvation 2. responsibility 3. grace

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# **Discussion Guide**

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to discover more about God and develop a deeper relationship with Him. To get connected in a Small Group, visit brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups.

#### **Conversation Starter**

What is the dirtiest job you've ever had to do?

# **Opening in Prayer**

Spend several minutes in silence. Ask God to guide your heart and mind as you study and reflect.

#### **Personal Reflection/Group Discussion**

#### Read <u>Titus 3:1-14</u>.

Use these verses, your Sunday message notes, and the Daily Reading verses to help you answer and discuss these questions.

- 1. What characteristics should be displayed by followers of Jesus (vs. 1-2)?
- 2. How do you feel towards people who behave the way verse 2 describes?
- 3. Why would verses 3-7 motivate someone to do good works?
- 4. What motivates you to do good works for others?
- 5. Why is our motivation for doing good works important?

- 6. What are examples of good works that believers are to be doing?
- 7. What are examples of things we should not spend our time doing (vs. 9-11)?
- 8. What are potential results when followers of Jesus do what is good?

# **Soul Training**

Ask God to put in your mind one way you can serve someone else this week. Take time to listen for the thoughts that God brings to you, and write down what comes to mind. Watch for opportunities to serve someone.

# **Memory Verse**

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#### **Daily Reading**

| Day 1: <u>Titus 2</u> : | <u>7-15</u>         | Day 4: | Matthew 5:14-16       |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--------|-----------------------|
| Day 2: <u>Galatia</u>   | <u>ns 5:16-26</u>   | Day 5: | <u>1 Peter 2:9-12</u> |
| Day 3: Philipp          | <u>ians 2:12-18</u> |        |                       |

#### **Prepare for Next Sunday**

Sunday, January 19, we'll begin a new series titled "*Can you hear Me?*"- *Letters from God* focused on studying the letters to the churches in Revelation 2 and 3. Read **Revelation 2:1-7** to prepare.



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