



Transformational Lives
Titus 3:9-15

Paul gives Titus and the church a solid foundation for understanding what it means to live as followers of Jesus Christ.

Know the gospel
Live the Gospel
Teach the truth
Guard the Church

The gospel isn't simply something we believe.
It is the truth that transforms how we live.

Titus 3:8 (NIV)

8This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

Titus 3:9-11 (NIV)

9But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless.
10Warn a divisive person once, and then warn them a second time. After that, have nothing to do with them. 11You may be sure that such people are warped and sinful; they are self-condemned.

Titus 3:12-13 (NIV)

12As soon as I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, because I have decided to winter there. 13Do everything you can to help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way and see that they have everything they need.

Titus 3:14-15 (NIV)

14Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good, in order to provide for urgent needs and not live unproductive lives.

15Everyone with me sends you greetings. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all.

- Develop a gospel-centered discernment
- Be transformational and community obsessed

Develop a Gospel-Centered Discernment

Titus 1:10-11

In their context, these false teachers were adding to the gospel by insisting that more than the gospel of Jesus was needed in order to be truly saved.

Develop a Gospel-Centered Discernment

It doesn't sound like foolishness, arguing, or quarreling. It sounds like special knowledge and an elite faith.

It feels right, so it must be right.

Develop a Gospel-Centered Discernment

This is no minor thing.

Understanding the truth of the gospel is at stake.

Eternity is at stake.

The purity and unity of the church is at stake.

They can't get this wrong.

Develop a Gospel-Centered Discernment

We need to develop a gospel-centered discernment in order to identify and avoid similar unprofitable and useless teachings that take the focus off of the gospel.

We must discern how to engage when we encounter conversations that are contrary to or distract from the gospel.

Develop a Gospel-Centered Discernment

We need more than opinions.

We need more than emotional reactions.

We need more than answers that simply reflect the thinking of the world around us.

We need to know God's Word and understand the gospel. We need to develop the discernment to know how to apply biblical truth to the situations we encounter every day.

5 Questions to help us respond biblically.

Is my response...

- biblical? Titus 1:1-2; 2:1
- essential? Titus 1:9; 2:1
- helpful/profitable? Titus 3:8-9
- Christlike? Titus 3:1-2
- producing good fruit? Titus 2:14; 3:8, 14

Develop a Gospel-Centered Discernment

Parents

What biblical truth are you teaching your children to use when they encounter competing messages from the world?

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Singles

How are you helping one another think biblically and make godly decisions within Christian community?

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Students

When your friends challenge your beliefs, do you know what Scripture says and why you believe it?

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Everyone

When someone comes to you with an emotional, relational, or ethical struggle, can you help them see their situation through the truth of God's Word?

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Be transformational and community obsessed

Are we growing in godly, gospel-transformed character?

Are we prepared to go into our world in order to fulfill the Great Commission?

The world needs godly men and women who have been formed and fashioned by the gospel serving in every arena that the Lord has placed us.

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- They are partnered together for the same mission.
- They have different roles, responsibilities, and spiritual gifts that contribute to the mission.
- They are trusting the Lord to provide their needs as they serve and go.

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- We are transformed to be on mission for Christ.
- We are placed in the body of Christ to be part of the mission where we are.
- We don't all have the same calling, but we do all have the same command.
- TSF is our mission post and our community is our mission field.