

## ***Be Ready!!***

*Titus 3:1-15*

### **Live out your faith as good citizens of God's kingdom.**

3:1-3

Practice obedience! Willingly submit to those in authority in your community.

Watch your words! Avoid slandering others and engaging in quarrels.

Remember your past! Give grace to others, remembering you were once a disobedient slave to sin.

*Be ready to be an \_\_\_\_\_ for good in your community, modeling Jesus in your actions and speech.*

### **Live out your faith through good works.**

3:4-8

God's salvation brings cleansing from sin, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the hope of eternal life as God's heirs.

Sacrificial service and good works are a testimony of receiving God's merciful gift of salvation.

Genuine Christian behavior benefits everyone.

*Be ready to give \_\_\_\_\_ to the lost world that you belong to God by your sacrificial service.*

### **Live out your faith avoiding foolish controversy and divisiveness.**

3:9-11

False teachers and worthless controversies should be avoided as unprofitable.

Advocates for false teaching should be warned twice concerning their behavior.

Protect the church by cutting off contact with those who refuse to repent from promoting falsehood.

*Be ready to run from those who promote \_\_\_\_\_ controversy and worthless quarrels in the church.*

### **Live out your faith in community with fellow laborers.**

3:12-15

Regardless of his circumstances, Paul surrounds himself with fellow believers.

Good works include taking care of those who are part of your faith community.

Encourage others to live productive lives so they may practice good works as well.

*Be ready to reach out to other believers with love and concern, providing for their needs and prompting them to live faithfully.*

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Romans 13:1-2

Let every person be subject to governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgement.

1 Peter 2:13-15

Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.

Genesis 1:27

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Matthew 5:14-16

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

James 2:18

But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

Ephesians 2:10

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Galatians 5:19-20

Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions...