



Titus 3

There is a connection between Salvation and conduct.
TRANSFORMATION!

Galatians 2:20- I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

“ Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, ² to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men.

The importance of being reminded—don't forget this!!

2 Peter 1:12

Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know *them*, and be established in the present truth.

An older couple had trouble remembering common, day-to-day things. They both decided that they would write down requests the other had, and so try to avoid forgetting. One evening the wife asked if the husband would like anything. He replied, "Yes. I'd like a large ice-cream sundae with chocolate ice cream, whipped cream and a

cherry on top.? The wife started off for the kitchen and the husband shouted after her, "Aren't you going to write it down"? 'don't be silly,? she hollered back, "I'm going to fix it right now. I won't forget.'

She was gone for quite some time. When she finally returned, she set down in front of him a large plate of hashbrowns, eggs, bacon, and a glass of orange juice. He took a look and said "I knew you should have written it down! You forgot the toast!"

Remind them: **In the grammar of the ancient Greek text, remind is in the present tense: "Go on reminding." Titus was to constantly remind the Christians under his care to certain actions.**

A large part of any pastor's public ministry is reminding people of what they already know.

Why does Titus need to continually (present tense) remind the saints to walk worthy of their high calling in Christ? Clearly, one reason is because of the propensity of our fallen flesh, the fallen world and the fallen angel to draw our hearts from thoughts about God's ways and works and into the miry clay of forgetfulness. **Over and over the Old Testament echoes the warning to God's chosen people not to forget His ways and His works.** [Deuteronomy 4:9, 23; 6:12, 8:2, 11, 14, 19, 32:18](#), , [Psalm 78:7, 11](#)). We can see the great necessity to continually be reminded to yield self to Savior and walk by His Spirit. There is simply no other way to live the "victorious Christian life" ([Galatians 2:20](#)). God grant us the desire and power to be like the psalmist in Psalm 119 who repeatedly declared he would not forget God's Words ([Psalm 119:16, 61, 83, 93, 119:109, 139, 119:141, 153,176](#)).

2 Timothy 2:14

Of these things put *them* in remembrance, charging *them* before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, *but* to the subverting of the hearers.

✓ **ACTION # 1-3 Submissiveness Obedience Readiness**

1 Peter 5:5- Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all *of you* be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

Romans 13:1- Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

Ephesians 5:22, 24- Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord... Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in every thing.

Hebrews 13:17

✓ **ACTION # 2. Obedience** "to obey magistrates"- KJV

The spirit of submissiveness versus the leadership order that God put in place.

There is a clear line of authority of leadership!

III. Vows

"I, [name], take thee, [name], to be my wedded Husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love, cherish, and to obey, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I give thee my troth,"

The inclusion of "obey" in wedding vows dates back to traditional religious ceremonies where the husband was seen as the head of the household and the wife's role was one of submission and obedience. This wording reflected societal norms and expectations at that time, emphasizing the idea of the husband as the leader in the marriage.

However, as societal attitudes and gender roles have evolved, many couples have opted to remove the word "obey" from their vows, choosing instead to use language that emphasizes equality, partnership, and mutual respect in the relationship. This shift reflects a more modern understanding of marriage as a partnership between equals, where decisions are made jointly **and both partners have an equal say in matters.**

BUT IS IT BIBLICAL?

✓ ACTION # 3. Readiness to do good

But there is another aspect to the readiness and that is that we be "confessed up" and "repented up" walking in light, walking in holiness, abiding in the Vine ([John 15:5](#)), cleansed so we might be "vessels of honor, set apart and useful for every good work." ([2 Timothy 2:21](#)) We need to BE good (abiding in the Vine) before we can DO good! Practically speaking, this means we must continually be filled with the Holy Spirit of Jesus Who continually "energizes" in us the desire and the power to DO good deeds which are pleasing to the Father. (Eph 5:18, Php 2:13+)

We do not do good works for salvation but because of salvation.

Oswald Chambers (1874-1917) - The expression of Christian character is not good doing, but God-likeness.

In light of the importance of **good deeds**, the writer of Hebrews encourages saints *to consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds.* ([Hebrews 10:24](#))

Oswald Chambers alluded to the supernatural aspect of good deeds when he exhorted us to...

Do good until it is an unconscious habit of life and you do not know you are doing it.

✓ ACTION # 4. Speaking correctly

III. Hunting trip to NY

It is sad that many of us hearing this admonition this morning, will speak evil of someone this afternoon.

Ephesians 4:29; Psalm 34:12-16; James 4:11-12; 1 Peter 2:1; 3:9; Matthew 18:15;
Psalm 141:3

Pastor Adam thought the best of me! 1 Corinthians 13

Pastor Russ- words of blessing all over the place!

✓ 5. ACTION # Peaceable (not a brawler)

1 Timothy 3:3

I. not contentious

II. abstaining from fighting

He deals with people who are brawlers a bit later- stay tuned!

✓ ACTION # 6. Gentleness

Philippians 4:5

Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord *is* at hand.

1 Timothy 3:3

Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, [G1933](#) not a brawler, not covetous;

James 3:17

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, *and* easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

✓ ACTION # 7. Humility- "showing all meekness unto all men".- KJV

Philippians 2:8- ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of death*, even the death of the cross.

2 Corinthians 10:1

Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness ^{G4236} and gentleness of Christ, who in presence *am* base among you, but being absent *am* bold toward you:

Galatians 6:1

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

Ephesians 4:2

With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

Colossians 3:12-15

12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. 14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

1 Timothy 6:11

But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

2 Timothy 2:25

In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

In discussing my message with Debby she said, "that sounds like you"???

WHY NOT?

That should sound like you!

Luke- the Lord turned and looked at Peter (Jesus made eye contact with Peter - the verb suggests an intent, fixed look which must have magnified his shame and stirred his memory). And Peter **remembered** (hupomimnesko) the word of the Lord, how He had told him, "Before a cock crows today, you will deny Me three times. ([Luke 22:61+](#))



NOW HOW WILL I RESPOND?