

Serving in God's Grace

Read: Titus 2:1-15

Main Idea: God's grace empowers us to live transformed lives that reflect His character in a world desperately in need of hope and guidance.

Key Verses: "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age." (2:11-12)

Key Principles:

- Sound doctrine must produce healthy behavior that counters cultural immorality and false teaching, leading to lives of self-control, reverence, and love.
- Discipleship across generations involves mature believers modeling and teaching godly virtues to the young, fostering spiritual maturity and household stability.
- Christian conduct in all roles adorns the gospel, silencing critics and attracting others to salvation through visible faithfulness.
- Grace not only saves but actively trains believers to reject sin and pursue righteousness, upholding the church's witness in society.
- Believers' lives should reflect God's redemptive work, demonstrating purity, submission, and good works that honor Christ.
- The hope of Christ's return motivates godliness, as we await our blessed hope while serving with authority rooted in Scripture.

Discussion:

1. How does this passage challenge the church to teach sound doctrine amid cultural pressures like gender confusion or moral laxity?
2. In what ways can mature believers disciple the younger generation to pursue self-control and reverence in daily life?
3. When has living out godly behavior in your relationships or work adorned the gospel and influenced others toward faith?
4. Considering grace's training role, how can we rely on God's empowerment to renounce worldly passions in practical ways?
5. How do stories of generational discipleship in our group inspire us to model faithfulness, fostering thankfulness for transformed lives?
6. Why does awaiting Christ's return prepare us for godly living, and how might deepening our hope reflect His character in service?

Prayer:

- Pray for grace to guide generations in pursuing godliness within the church.
- Pray for
 - Discipleship that counters cultural immorality and promotes sound doctrine.
 - Evangelism empowered by faithful conduct that adorns the gospel.
 - Godliness inspired by renouncing sin and hoping in Christ's return.

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| I. | Grace <u>guides</u> generations. | 2:1-5 |
| 1. | Pursue good works as an <u>older man</u> . | 2:1-2 |
| 2. | Pursue good works as an <u>older woman</u> . | 2:3 |
| 3. | Pursue good works as a <u>younger woman</u> . | 2:4-5 |
| 4. | Pursue good works as a <u>younger man</u> . | 2:6-8 |
| II. | Grace <u>empowers</u> evangelism. | 2:9-10 |
| 1. | Be <u>pleasing</u> in your <u>spirit</u> . | 2:9 |
| 2. | Be <u>praiseworthy</u> for your <u>Savior</u> . | 2:10 |
| III. | Grace <u>inspires</u> godliness. | 2:11-15 |
| 1. | Say <u>no</u> to worldly <u>passions</u> . | 2:11-12 |
| 2. | Say <u>yes</u> to a returning <u>Savior</u> . | 2:13-15 |

NEXT WEEK:
Equipped to Serve
Titus 3:1-15