

INTRODUCTION

1. Jesus is zealous for His name borne by His people - Tit 2:11-14.
2. We are also to be *zealous for good deeds*.

1st: The Necessity of Good Deeds for Christians in Crete

1. 1:12 sounds problematic. Assess cultures w/ 10 commandments; common grace & common curse. v13
2. Paul emphasizes necessity of *good works*: 2:7; 2:14; 3:8; 3:14
3. Be a Christian not a Cretan.

2nd: What Are Good Deeds?

1. LBC 16:1-3
2. All of live can be transformed into a display of good deeds.

3rd: Church Leaders Are to Exemplify Good Deeds

1. Qualifications for elders - 1:5-9
2. 2:1 *sound doct* = healthy; promotes life - 2:7-8 rld to IIIrd [reputation]
3. Good deeds *adorn the doct of God our Savior* [2:10] - cosmetic.
4. Strive for balance tw/ orthodoxy & orthopraxy: doctrine & practice.

4th: Good Deeds Will Adorn Our Lives as We Live Sensibly

1. *sensible* - see self as biblically defined: creation, fall, redemption & consummation - living now tw/ 1st & 2nd comings of Jesus.
2. 2:1-8 age & gender - all *sensible* good-doers - v8: b/c of IIIrd.

5th: Good Deeds Will Adorn Our Lives as We Live Righteously

1. Righteous = obed to law, under authority - Vth. 3:1 *rulers & authorities* = gov't. Xn is to *be subject* - common & special grace institutions.
 - i. family - 2:5; work-place - 2:9; church - 2:15
 - ii. Willing compliance to standards set w/i legitimate spheres of authority
2. Righteous living - commend gospel to men's consciences - 3:2
 - i. *malign no one*:
 - ii. *uncontentious*: [2:9 *not argumentative*].
 - iii. *gentle*: Phil 4:5 *forbearing*
 - iv. *showing every consideration for all men*:
 - v. *showing every consideration for all men*: Rom 12:17-18
3. 3:3 describes a life of lawless deeds & worldly desires

6th: Good Deeds Will Adorn Our Lives as We Live Godly

1. 3:13-14 *good deeds* = making provision for the spread of the gospel
 - i. *help on their way*:
 - ii. *meet pressing needs*
2. Cf. 1C 16:5-6,10-12 & 3Jn 1:5-8 *in a manner worthy of God*.

7th: The Necessity of Living a Life of Good Deeds

1. 2:14 Our lives validate Jesus' cross & the certainty of His return. Without evident good deeds, we have no reason to think our faith is living.
 - i. 1:15-16 *defiled* - *unbelieving* - w/o good deeds
 - ii. 1:1 - knowledge of truth is found in lives of godliness
2. May HS impress upon us the necessity of *good deeds*.