

Serving Our Generation!

“Serving Through Good Works”

Titus 2.11-14; Acts 13.36

Intro:

The challenges of being faithful to God are ever before us. We have the responsibility of being moral examples to the world around us and one another. We have the responsibility to demonstrate christian character to the society we are in and one another. We have the responsibility to simply serve our generation in the capacity in which it needs. What does our generation’s climate look like? How can we serve our generation? Our service must be through doing GOOD.

Discourse:

I. Understanding the Times! (1 Chron. 12.32).

- A. Everyone has not bowed the knee to Baal.
- B. This Generation is becoming more Perilous (2 Tim. 3.1-5).
- C. People are not reasoning well and need godly reasoners among them.
- D. God is not in the thoughts of many and its obvious (Ps. 10.4).

II. God is Looking for Righteous Individuals in Every Generation (Titus 2.11-14).

- A. Notice vs. 12 - “this present age”.
- B. David served his generation (Acts 13.36). How?
 - 1. He showed them how to be courageous in mind (1 Sam. 17.29-30).
 - 2. Facing Goliath, he demonstrated God’s presence in Israel (1 Sam. 17.46-51).
 - 3. He showed kindness to the house of Saul for Jonathan’s sake (2 Sam. 9).
 - 4. He led public thanksgiving as King to Jehovah before Israel (2 Sam. 7.18-29).
 - 5. He showed Israel how to die faithfully to God (2 Sam. 23-1 Kings 2.12).
- C. Many in the OT served their generation by obeying God (Heb. 11).
- D. Even Jesus went about doing good (Acts 10.38). Will WE?

III. How to Serve our Generation in 2024!

- A. By Understanding God’s Grace according to Titus 2.11-12
 - 1. God’s grace has great benefits in this present age.
 - a) Brought salvation or deliverance from sin (11)
 - b) We must serve our generation and be truthful about being saved.
 - c) We must seek man’s best interest as the church of Christ

2. It teaches great principles for excellent living (12)
 - a) We need more of us to simply operate in truth.
 - b) Calling Christians and Non to the carpet for their sin.
 - c) Sincerely striving to be God's moral culture (1 Pet. 2.9).
 3. The church was created for this purpose (Eph. 2.8-10).
 - a) The good works of simply being upright and moral.
 - b) The need to be transparent and honest.
 - c) The power of understanding why we are the church of Christ.
- B. By Understanding The Blessed Hope... according to Titus 2.13
1. God's grace offers eternal hope to the faithful (13)
 2. His grace teaches us to seek the appearance of Jesus (2 Tim. 4.8).
 3. This blessed hope must be told to all, giving them the opportunity to obey.
- C. By Understanding the Purpose of Redemption according to Titus 2.14
1. To redeem us from every lawless deed... vitally important work.
 2. To purify for Himself... belonging to Christ is a great work.
 3. To be His special people... all should see Christ in us the hope of glory.

IV. The Church of Christ and Good Works according to Titus.

- A. Commanded to be a PATTERN of good works (2.7-8).
 1. Powerful ways of being a pattern in these passages.
 2. We cannot afford to shy from these.
- B. Encouraged to be ZEALOUS for good works (2.14).
 1. Are we on fire for the things of God to the benefit of man?
 2. Will this help others to see how serious we are for Christ?
- C. Instructed to be CAREFUL TO MAINTAIN good works (3.8).
 1. There is no time to allow good to slip.
 2. Humanity depends upon us doing good.
- D. Informed to LEARN TO MAINTAIN good works (3.14).
 1. Meeting urgent needs...
 2. Not being unfruitful...

Conclusion:

Let us serve our generation and let us make sure we seek the best for all mankind and not grow weary in doing well. Let God be found true and every man a liar.