



**Training for Transformation**  
**Titus 3:8-11**  
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GOD'S DESIGN FOR A LIFE THAT TRULY SATISFIES

## SERMON NOTES

God's grace to us is what produces good works. Notice the progression:

- Before salvation, people are "unfit for any good work" (Titus 1:16).
- After salvation, believers become a model of good works (Titus 2:7).
- Christ redeemed a people who are zealous for good works (Titus 2:14).
- Believers should be ready for every good work (Titus 3:1).
- They are to devote themselves to good works (Titus 3:8).
- They continue to devote themselves to good works by meeting urgent needs and bearing fruit (Titus 3:14).

### Foolish Controversies

These are arguments that consume our attention but produce no spiritual growth.

Ask yourself:

- Do I spend more time arguing than encouraging?
- Am I more interested in proving I'm right than helping someone grow?
- Have political debates, social media arguments, or personal opinions become more important than the gospel?

### Dissensions and Quarrels

These are conflicts that divide rather than unite.

Ask yourself:

- Am I holding onto bitterness or unforgiveness?
- Have I allowed small disagreements to become large divisions?
- Do my words build peace, or do they create tension?

### Stirring Up Division

Paul gives the strongest warning to those who continually create division among God's people.

Ask yourself:

- Do I complain more than I encourage?
- Have I spoken negatively about someone instead of speaking directly to them?
- Do I spread frustration, criticism, or gossip?
- When I leave a conversation, do people feel encouraged—or discouraged?

### Devotion to Good Works

Paul says believers should be careful to devote themselves to good works.

Ask yourself:

- Who have I intentionally served this week?
- Have I looked for opportunities to meet someone's needs?
- Am I showing Christ's love in my home, at work, and in my church?
- Is my life making the gospel attractive to others?