Titus

Week 4:

What's Different About You?

Questions

1. If someone observed your daily choices, conversations, and relationships, what would your life reveal about what you believe? How can you remain aware of the influence of the world without becoming judgmental or losing compassion for others?
2. Read Titus 2:11–14. How would you explain the difference between God's grace simply forgiving your sin and God's grace transforming the way you live?
3. Read 2 Timothy 4:3 Have you ever resisted something in Scripture because it challenged your opinions, choices, or lifestyle? What did that reveal about your heart?
4. Paul describes attitudes and behaviors that will characterize difficult times, including selfishness, pride, arrogance, lack of self-control, and a love of pleasure rather than a love for God. Which of these attitudes is easiest for you to recognize in others but more difficult to recognize in yourself?
5. Read 2 Timothy 3:16–17. What makes it difficult to consistently spend time in Scripture and apply what you read? What is one area of your life where you need Scripture to teach you, correct you, or help you grow?
6. What is one thing you need to surrender, change, or pursue so that your life more clearly reflects different beliefs or different behavior because of the impact of Jesus in your life?

Scripture References

Titus 1:12
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Titus 2:1
You, however, must teach what is appropriate to sound doctrine.

Titus 2:11-14

11 For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. 12 It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, 13 while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Titus 1:12-13
12 One of Crete's own prophets has said it: "Cretans are always liars, evil brutes, lazy gluttons."[a] 13 This saying is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, so that they will be sound in the faith

Titus 1:16
They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good.

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Titus 2:1
You, however, must teach what is appropriate to sound doctrine.

2 Timothy 4:3
For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

2 Timothy 3:1-4
But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. **2** People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, **3** without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, **4** treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—

2 Timothy 3:16-17
All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, **17** so that the servant of God[a] may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Takeaways

- A growing Christian's life will give hope to a hopeless world.
- A growing Christian's life will give hope to a hopeless world by modeling 3 things:
    - Different Beliefs (Titus 2:1)
    - Different Behavior from a New Heart (Titus 2:2-12)
    - Different Hope (Titus 2:13)
- What's different about you?
    - Different Beliefs ("You however must, teach what is appropriate to sound doctrine.")
- Belief affects behavior.
- How do you know what sound doctrine (correct teaching) teaching is?

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