

# “Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

## Titus Bible Study — Titus 2:6-14      Lesson #3

**\*\*INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the entire section of Scripture in Titus before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God’s word. Most Scriptures used are from the New King James Version.

6-8 Likewise **EXHORT the young men to be SOBER-MINDED**, in all things showing yourself to be a **pattern of good works**; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, sound speech that cannot be condemned, **that one who is an OPPONENT may be ASHAMED, having NOTHING EVIL to SAY of you.**

• **I Peter 2:11-12** “Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from \_\_\_\_\_ which \_\_\_\_\_ against the \_\_\_\_\_, having your \_\_\_\_\_ honorable among the Gentiles that when they \_\_\_\_\_ you as \_\_\_\_\_, they may, by your \_\_\_\_\_ works which they \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ God in the day of visitation.”

**Definition: “EXHORT the young men to be SOBER-MINDED”** – The exhortation or **commandment to be sober-minded is not just to the young men**, but as we see in the Scripture verses before this, **it is a commandment to ALL believers of EVERY age and gender, both men and women.** In Titus 1:7-8 it is a qualification for bishops or elders, and in Titus 2:1-3 it is a commandment to the older men and older women, so basically, it is an exhortation to ALL of US. **Being sober-minded or “being SOBER”** means not being drunk or getting high, of course, but also **being SERIOUS in our walk with the Lord.** The Christian life is a **BATTLE against the forces of Satan**, and we must put on the **ARMOR of God** and fight against the evil in this world.

• **Titus 1:7-8** “For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but hospitable, a lover of what is good, \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_, just, holy, self-controlled.”

• **I Peter 5:8-9** “Be \_\_\_\_\_, be \_\_\_\_\_; because your adversary (enemy) the \_\_\_\_\_ walks about like a roaring lion, \_\_\_\_\_ whom (looking for someone) he may \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ him, steadfast in the \_\_\_\_\_, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.”

• **Titus 2:1-3** “But as for you, \_\_\_\_\_ the things which are proper for \_\_\_\_\_: that the older men be \_\_\_\_\_, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience; the older \_\_\_\_\_ likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things.”

• **I Thessalonians 5:6-8** “Therefore let us not \_\_\_\_\_, as others do, but let us watch and be \_\_\_\_\_. For those who \_\_\_\_\_, sleep at \_\_\_\_\_, and those who get \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ at night. But let us who are of the \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_, putting on the breastplate of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and as a helmet the hope of \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “Having NOTHING EVIL to SAY of you”** – We must live our lives in **OBEDIENCE** to God’s commands and allow Him to make us more like Jesus Christ in all our actions. If we do this, and **it can only be done through the power of the Holy Spirit**, we leave no room for the **OPPONENT** (un-believer, especially those who are openly **AGAINST** Jesus Christ) to say anything **BAD** or **EVIL** against us.

• **Nehemiah 5:9** “Then I said, ‘What you are doing is \_\_\_\_\_. Should

you not \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_ because of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the nations, our \_\_\_\_\_?”

●**Matthew 5:16** “Let your \_\_\_\_\_ so shine before \_\_\_\_\_, that they may \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven.”

9-10 **Exhort SERVANTS to be obedient to their own MASTERS**, to be well pleasing in all things, not answering back, **not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity**, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.

●**Ephesians 6:5-6** “\_\_\_\_\_, be \_\_\_\_\_ to those who are your \_\_\_\_\_ according to the \_\_\_\_\_, with fear and trembling, in \_\_\_\_\_ of heart, \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_; not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, doing the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “Exhort SERVANTS to be obedient to their own MASTERS”** – This means your earthly “master”, or EMPLOYER. These scriptural principles APPLY to US today in our EMPLOYEE, workplace, and EMPLOYER relationships. As Christians, **we have a Heavenly Master, and we should be “servants of Christ**, doing the will of God from the heart” at all times, but **part of our obedience to Christ is to be OBEDIENT to our earthly masters, employers, and those in AUTHORITY over us** in the church and in the community.

●**Colossians 3:22-25** “Servants, \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in \_\_\_\_\_ of heart, fearing \_\_\_\_\_. And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the \_\_\_\_\_ and not to men, knowing that from the \_\_\_\_\_ you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “Eyeservice, as men-pleasers”** – Doing what is right, or working hard ONLY when someone is WATCHING. When it says “**not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity**,” **PILFERING means STEALING, but in a sneaky way**. Some people think it’s okay to steal a few things from work, just stick a few things in your pocket or your purse, but it’s still stealing. Showing FIDELITY means **being faithful, trustworthy**. Our employers should be able to TRUST us to do our best at work, and as Christians, **we are serving Jesus Christ**, so we do want to do our very best.

●**Matthew 6:5** “And when you pray, you shall \_\_\_\_\_ be like the \_\_\_\_\_. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward [*this is their ONLY reward*].”

11-12 For the **GRACE of God that brings SALVATION has appeared to ALL MEN**, teaching us that, **DENYING ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should LIVE SOBERLY, RIGHTEOUSLY, and GODLY** in the present age.

●**Romans 5:15** ““But the \_\_\_\_\_ is not like the offense. For if by the one man’s offense many died, much more the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the one Man, \_\_\_\_\_, abounded to many.”

●**Romans 6:23** “For the wages of sin is \_\_\_\_\_, but the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ \_\_\_\_\_ our Lord.”

●**Ephesians 2:8-9** “For by \_\_\_\_\_ you have been \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_, and that not of \_\_\_\_\_, it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God;

not of \_\_\_\_\_ lest anyone should boast.”

**Definition:** “The **GRACE** of God that brings **SALVATION** has appeared to **ALL MEN**” – Grace means God’s **FAVOR** or love and acceptance given to us **WITHOUT** our doing **ANYTHING!!** **We cannot earn our salvation or pay for it or work for it.** The **GOSPEL**, which means **GOOD NEWS**, is the **INVITATION** to receive **ETERNAL LIFE** through **Jesus Christ**. This gospel is **AVAILABLE** to **ALL people**, but many **DO NOT RECEIVE** Him. **ALL PEOPLE EVERYWHERE** have had an opportunity to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ. This is not saying that **all HAVE HEARD about Jesus**, but that **ALL people have the OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR, if they WANT to HEAR.** God is absolutely **FAIR** and **JUST**, and does not condemn anyone to hell without giving them a chance to **HEAR** the truth about Jesus.

•**Colossians 1:5-6** “Because of the hope which is laid up for you in \_\_\_\_\_, of which you heard before in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, which has come to you, as it has also in \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in truth.”

•**Revelation 22:17** “And the \_\_\_\_\_ and the bride say, “\_\_\_\_\_!” And let him who hears say, “\_\_\_\_\_!” And \_\_\_\_\_ desires, let him take the water of \_\_\_\_\_ freely.”

•**John 12:32** “And I (Jesus), if I am \_\_\_\_\_ up from the earth (on the **CROSS**), will draw \_\_\_\_\_ to Myself.”

**Definition:** “**DENYING** ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should **LIVE SOBERLY, RIGHTEOUSLY, and GODLY**” – “**DENYING ungodliness and worldly lusts**” is the negative side of this command, and these are the things we must get rid of. We need to **examine ourselves** to see if any of these negative things and habits are present in our lives. For instance, God wants us to have a healthy self-esteem, but not to be puffed up with pride and conceit. He tells us that if we are angry, we must not **SIN** in our anger by reacting wrongly, or turning it into bitterness. Our motives, even in doing something good, may be warped by self-centeredness. We may need to ask ourselves, “Why am I helping this person? Do I hope to get something out of it? Does it make **ME** feel better to be “fixing” someone else?” God tells us that **if we will JUDGE or EXAMINE ourselves**, we will not be judged in the sense of being corrected and disciplined by Him. Many times we need a **REALITY CHECK**, because we don’t think we have a problem with pride, or anger, or envy, or any other “negative emotion” or sin. Pride can be thinking you are better than others, but it can also be just **holding onto your own will - YOUR right to make YOUR OWN decisions**, instead of turning your will over to God completely.

•**II Corinthians 7:1** “Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves from all \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, perfecting \_\_\_\_\_ in the fear of God.”

•**II Timothy 2:19 & 21** “Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: ‘The Lord knows those who are His,’ and ‘Let everyone who \_\_\_\_\_ the name of \_\_\_\_\_ depart from \_\_\_\_\_. Therefore if anyone \_\_\_\_\_ himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for \_\_\_\_\_, sanctified (holy) and \_\_\_\_\_ for the Master, \_\_\_\_\_ for every good work.’”

13-14 **Looking for the BLESSED HOPE and GLORIOUS APPEARING of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ**, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and **purify for Himself His own special people**, zealous for good works.

**I Peter 2:9-10** ‘But you are a chosen generation, a royal \_\_\_\_\_, a holy nation, His own \_\_\_\_\_, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were \_\_\_\_\_ a people but are \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, who had not obtained mercy but

now have obtained mercy.”

• **Revelation 1:5-6** “And from \_\_\_\_\_ Christ, the faithful witness, the \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and \_\_\_\_\_ us from our \_\_\_\_\_ in His own \_\_\_\_\_, and has made us \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

• **I Peter 2:5** “You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a \_\_\_\_\_, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

**Definition: “Looking for the BLESSED HOPE and GLORIOUS APPEARING of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ”** – “**The Blessed Hope**” refers to the second coming of Jesus Christ in general terms. Actually, the **Second Coming of Jesus Christ** will happen in two stages: **(1.) The “Rapture”** - when the Believers in Christ are CAUGHT UP to meet Jesus in the clouds. This “return” is not visible to the general public (the world), because Jesus only **comes down part way, to the clouds, for a SECRET RETURN to GATHER UP His church (Jesus is coming FOR the saints)**; and **(2.) The “Glorious Appearing”** - At the END of the seven-year Great Tribulation, at the battle of Armageddon will be His VISIBLE and triumphant return (the “sign” of His coming). The Rapture is NOT the same as His VERY VISIBLE Second Coming, when His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, and He will come with all His armies of saints (believers) and angels with Him (**Jesus is coming WITH the saints**). The Rapture and the Second Coming at the “end of the age” are TWO SEPARATE EVENTS. When it says “**The DEAD in CHRIST will RISE FIRST,**” again, there is **an order of events with this gathering of the saints at the “Rapture.”** It will all happen in a split second (“the twinkling of an eye” as the saying goes), but **those who have already died will be resurrected FIRST**, and then those of us who are still alive will be **instantly CHANGED into our resurrection BODIES**, and we will ALL go up to be with the Lord until we later **COME BACK with Him as His army of saints** at the Battle of Armageddon.

• **I Thessalonians 4:16-17** “For the Lord Himself will \_\_\_\_\_ from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ will \_\_\_\_\_ (Christians who have died will be RESURRECTED). Then we who are \_\_\_\_\_ and remain shall be caught up (taken up) together with them in the \_\_\_\_\_ to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.”

• **I Corinthians 15:51-53** “Behold, I tell you a mystery: \_\_\_\_\_ shall all be \_\_\_\_\_ - in a moment, in the \_\_\_\_\_ of an \_\_\_\_\_, at the last \_\_\_\_\_. For the \_\_\_\_\_ will sound, and the \_\_\_\_\_ will be \_\_\_\_\_ incorruptible, and \_\_\_\_\_ shall be \_\_\_\_\_. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this \_\_\_\_\_ must put on \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “Purify for Himself His own SPECIAL PEOPLE”** – This was originally spoken to the nation of Israel in the days of Hosea the prophet. Now, God is speaking to the Gentiles, saying that although they (and WE) at one time were “NOT His people” they (and WE) **can now become His own special people** through faith in Jesus Christ.

• **Galatians 3:26** “For \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ of God through \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **II Corinthians 6:17-18** “Therefore, come out from among them, and be \_\_\_\_\_,’ says the Lord, ‘And do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive \_\_\_\_\_, and I will be a \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ shall be My \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_,’ says the Lord Almighty.”