

# “Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

## Titus Bible Study — Titus 3:9-15      Lesson #6

\*\*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.

9 But **AVOID foolish disputes, GENEALOGIES, contentions, and strivings** about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless.

• **I Timothy 1:3-4** “As I urged you when I went into Macedonia – remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ doctrine, nor give heed to \_\_\_\_\_ and endless \_\_\_\_\_, which cause \_\_\_\_\_ rather than godly edification which is in faith.”

**Definition: “AVOID foolish disputes, GENEALOGIES, contentions, and strivings”** – Paul gave this same command to Timothy that he gives here to Titus. Paul was concerned that **Titus and Timothy only teach correct doctrine about Jesus Christ**, and warned them **NOT to ALLOW ANYONE to teach any corrupted or perverted forms of doctrine in their churches**. The warning against **“FABLES and endless GENEALOGIES”** refers to certain teachings in that day that were being added to biblical doctrine (teaching) about Jesus. Fables means stories that have no basis in truth, **such as “fairly tales” and superstitions**, and **genealogies means going back and researching someone's family history**. We know what Jesus' family history and genealogy was, but Paul mentions **ENDLESS genealogies**, as if some people were getting stuck on this subject, and were not going on to maturity in Christ. **Paul also says that these things “cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith”, which means they are worthless for spiritual growth**. Paul told Titus that these **contentions, and strivings (arguments)** about the law are “unprofitable and useless.”

• **I Timothy 4:6-7** “If you \_\_\_\_\_ the brethren in these things, you will be a good \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Christ, nourished in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and of the \_\_\_\_\_ which you have carefully followed. But \_\_\_\_\_ profane and old wife's \_\_\_\_\_, and exercise yourself rather to \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Matthew 15:3** “But He answered and said to them, ‘Why do you also transgress (disobey) the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ because of your \_\_\_\_\_?’” (Verses 8-9) “These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Matthew 28:19-20** “Go therefore and make \_\_\_\_\_ of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, \_\_\_\_\_ them to observe (OBEY) all things that I have commanded you.”

• **Ephesians 4:20-21** “But you have not so \_\_\_\_\_ Christ; if so be that you have heard Him, and have been \_\_\_\_\_ by Him, as the \_\_\_\_\_ is in Jesus.”

10-11 **Reject a DIVISIVE man after the first and second ADMONITION**, knowing that **such a person is WARPED and SINNING, being SELF-CONDEMNED**.

• **II Timothy 2:14** “Remind them of these things, \_\_\_\_\_ them before the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ about \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ profit, to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.”

•II Timothy 2:23 “But \_\_\_\_\_ and ignorant \_\_\_\_\_, knowing that they \_\_\_\_\_ strife.”

**Definition: “Reject a DIVISIVE man after the first and second ADMONITION” – Paul is telling Titus to REMOVE or ex-communicate these divisive men from the church.** The King James Version says “heretic”, but the Greek word actually means “divisive” so they are the same. Divisive means someone who is DIVIDING and separating people, and it’s usually because they are guilty of **FALSE teaching, and as they gain their own followers, it DIVIDES the church body.** Heretic is a person who speaks **HERESY, which means false teaching** that divides people into sects, cults or factions. Paul is telling Titus to reject such a person after two warnings (admonition means a gentle but firm warning).

•Galatians 5:19-21 “Now the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, \_\_\_\_\_ (arguments), jealousies, outbursts of wrath (anger), selfish ambitions, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries (partying, sexual orgies), and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who \_\_\_\_\_ such things will \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.”

•II Peter 2:1-2 “But there were also \_\_\_\_\_ among the people, even as there will be \_\_\_\_\_ among \_\_\_\_\_, who will secretly bring in destructive \_\_\_\_\_, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.”

**Definition: “Such a person is WARPED and SINNING, being SELF-CONDEMNED” – Warped means to be bent out of shape, TWISTED or just not normal.** It’s the same thing that Peter addressed in Second Peter 3:15-16, when he said there were people “**who are UNTAUGHT and UNSTABLE, and they TWIST the Scriptures.**” **Being “SELF-CONDEMNED” means they will have no one else to BLAME** when they stand before God in the judgement - they did this to themselves by their false teaching.

•II Peter 3:15-16 “And account that the \_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ – as also our beloved brother \_\_\_\_\_, according to the \_\_\_\_\_ given to \_\_\_\_\_, has written to you, as also in all his \_\_\_\_\_, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which those who are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to their own destruction, as they do also the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.”

12-13 **When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus**, be diligent to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. **Send Zenas the lawyer and Apollos** on their journey with haste, that they may lack nothing.

•Colossians 4:7-9 “\_\_\_\_\_, who is a beloved \_\_\_\_\_, a faithful \_\_\_\_\_, and a fellow servant in the Lord, will tell you all the news about me. I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that he may know your circumstances and comfort your hearts, with Onesimus, a faithful and beloved \_\_\_\_\_, who is one of you. They will make \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ all things which are happening here.”

**Definition: “When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus” – We don’t know anything else about Artemas, except that Paul trusted him and wanted him to come to help Titus.** Tychicus was a Christian brother that Paul trusted to carry his letters to the church at Colossae. There was no mail delivery or postal service in those days, so Paul had Tychicus deliver letters to the church in Ephesus

as well, and a personal letter to a man named Philemon. He would also tell the Christians there what was going on in Paul's life and ministry.

• **Ephesians 6:21-22** "But that you also may \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ I am \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, a beloved \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ minister in the Lord, will make all things \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_; whom I have \_\_\_\_\_ to you for this purpose, that you may \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_, and that he may comfort your hearts."

**Definition: "Send Zenas the lawyer and APOLLOS"** – Again, we don't know much about Zenas, but Apollos is mentioned by Paul several times in Scripture.

• **Acts 18:24-26** "Now a certain \_\_\_\_\_ named \_\_\_\_\_, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man and \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, came to Ephesus. This man had been \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_; and being \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, he spoke and taught \_\_\_\_\_ the things of the \_\_\_\_\_, though he knew only the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. So he began to speak \_\_\_\_\_ in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ more \_\_\_\_\_."

• **I Corinthians 16:12** "Now concerning our \_\_\_\_\_, I strongly \_\_\_\_\_ him to \_\_\_\_\_ to you with the brethren, but he was quite \_\_\_\_\_ to come at this \_\_\_\_\_, however, he come when he has a \_\_\_\_\_ time."

14-15 And let our people also **LEARN to MAINTAIN GOOD WORKS, to meet URGENT NEEDS, that they may not be unfruitful.** All who are with me greet you. Greet those who love us in the faith.

• **Titus 3:8 & 14** "This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ should be careful to maintain \_\_\_\_\_ . These things are \_\_\_\_\_ and profitable to men."

• **II Corinthians 9:12** "For the administration of this \_\_\_\_\_ not only \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, but is abundant also by many \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_."

**Definition: "LEARN to MAINTAIN GOOD WORKS, to meet URGENT NEEDS"** – Our good works that we do for the Lord are to be a SIGN to unbelievers that we belong to Jesus, but also **it is the way God meets the needs of His people, the saints of God.** One of those good works is giving to the poor. **God's word has many commandments about helping the poor and needy,** and some warnings for those who mistreat, oppress, cheat or just neglect to help them. **"The poor", of course, does NOT mean those who REFUSE to work,** and want someone to take care of them just because they are **too lazy to work.**

• **II Thessalonians 3:7-12** "For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example; because we did not act in an undisciplined manner among you, nor did we \_\_\_\_\_ anyone's \_\_\_\_\_ without \_\_\_\_\_ for it, but with \_\_\_\_\_ and hardship we kept \_\_\_\_\_ night and day so that we might not be a burden to any of you; not because we do not have the right to this (to be supported by them), but in order to offer ourselves as a \_\_\_\_\_ for you, that you might follow our \_\_\_\_\_.

For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: If anyone will not \_\_\_\_\_, neither let him \_\_\_\_\_. For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing \_\_\_\_\_ work at all, but acting like \_\_\_\_\_. Now

such persons we \_\_\_\_\_ and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to \_\_\_\_\_ in quiet fashion and \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_ bread.”

• **Ephesians 4:28** “Let him who stole \_\_\_\_\_ no longer, but rather let him labor, \_\_\_\_\_ with his \_\_\_\_\_ what is \_\_\_\_\_, that he may have \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ him who is in \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **I Timothy 6:17-19** “Command those who are \_\_\_\_\_ in this present world not to be haughty (proud), not to \_\_\_\_\_ in uncertain \_\_\_\_\_ but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let them do \_\_\_\_\_, that they be \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, ready to \_\_\_\_\_, willing to \_\_\_\_\_, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.”

• **James 2:15-17** “If a \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ is naked and \_\_\_\_\_ of daily \_\_\_\_\_, and one of you says to them, ‘Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,’ but you do \_\_\_\_\_ them the \_\_\_\_\_ which are \_\_\_\_\_ for the body, what does it profit? Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”

• **Titus 2:7-8** “In \_\_\_\_\_ things showing yourself to be a pattern of \_\_\_\_\_; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, sound speech that cannot be condemned, that the one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say about you.”

**Definition: “That they may NOT be UNFRUITFUL”** – To NOT be UNfruitful means that you are being FRUITFUL. Jesus said that it glorifies God the Father when we bear much fruit (John 15:8), which means we are FRUITFUL.

• **Colossians 1:10** “That you may have a \_\_\_\_\_ worthy of the \_\_\_\_\_, fully \_\_\_\_\_ Him, being \_\_\_\_\_ in every \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Luke 3:11** “He answered and said to them, ‘He who has \_\_\_\_\_ tunics (jackets, shirts), let him \_\_\_\_\_ to him who has \_\_\_\_\_; and he who has \_\_\_\_\_, let him do likewise.’”

**Definition: ‘If a BROTHER or SISTER is NAKED and destitute of daily FOOD’** – “Destitute of daily food” means not having enough to eat. “Brother or sister” means our brothers and sisters in Christ - other Christians. Jesus said in Matthew 25:34-40 that **if we feed and clothe our brothers and sisters in Christ, we are doing it to Jesus Himself.**

• **I John 3:17** “But whoever has this world’s goods (food, clothing, etc.), and sees his \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, and shuts up his \_\_\_\_\_ from him, \_\_\_\_\_ does the \_\_\_\_\_ of God abide in him?”

• **Matthew 25:34-40** “Then the King (Jesus) will say to those on his right hand, ‘Come, you \_\_\_\_\_ of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was \_\_\_\_\_ and you gave Me \_\_\_\_\_; I was thirsty and you gave Me \_\_\_\_\_; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was \_\_\_\_\_ and you \_\_\_\_\_ me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’ Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My \_\_\_\_\_, you did it to \_\_\_\_\_.’”