

LIFEWork for the Week of July 23, 2017  
Lessons from Titus – Chapter 2



**Pray for the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in you and through you**

Looking back over your notes (also included on the back page of this lesson) ... The main points made through this week's teaching were:

1. **GRACE Wins**
2. **Embrace the necessary TENSIONS of biblical truth**
3. **The summary of the daily walk of being a saved Child of God is INTEGRITY**

**Discuss what each of these three mean to you?**

**What especially impacted you in the message?**

**With focus on the TENSION of legalism vs cheap grace, Pastor D presented the illustration of the bomber in the bank. Consider the following questions:**

1. Which is the greater problem in Christian circles today: Legalism or licentiousness (cheap grace – modern pharisee)? What are real ways to avoid both errors?
2. Is it legalistic to go against your feelings in order to deny ungodly impulses?  
Give some examples of this danger?  
How do you obey from the heart if your heart is tugging you toward sin?
3. God's grace in salvation is completely unmerited and we are to live by grace. But salvation is contingent on faith expressed in obedience. How do you reconcile these principles?
4. What are some ways that a believer who has lost his zeal for the Lord and His work rekindle it?

**And then with special focus on INTEGRITY ... the Bible uses the word that is translated, INTEGRITY, about 20 times in the Old Testament and just here in Titus in the New Testament. Read over the Bible verses and discuss the lessons of INTEGRITY within each.**

## **God's Promise**

**1 Kings 9:4-5** *And as for you, if you will walk before me, as David your father walked, with integrity of heart and uprightness, doing according to all that I have commanded you, and keeping my statutes and my rules, then I will establish your royal throne over Israel forever, as I promised David your father, saying, 'You shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.'* (The LORD speaking to Solomon)

**Psalms 41:11-13** *By this I know that you delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me. But you have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in your presence forever. Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.*

**Proverbs 2:6-8** For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity, guarding the paths of justice and watching over the way of his saints.

**Proverbs 2:20-21** So you will walk in the way of the good and keep to the paths of the righteous. For the upright will inhabit the land, and those with integrity will remain in it ...

## Man's Plea and God's Defense in light of Integrity

**Genesis 20:5-6** (King Abimelech having a conversation with God about Sarah, Abraham's wife when he lied and said that Sarah was his sister) Did he not himself say to me, 'She is my sister'? And she herself said, 'He is my brother.' In the integrity of my heart and the innocence of my hands I have done this." Then God said to him in the dream, "Yes, I know that you have done this in the integrity of your heart, and it was I who kept you from sinning against me. Therefore I did not let you touch her.

**Job 2:3** And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil? He still holds fast his integrity, although you incited me against him to destroy him without reason."

**Psalms 25:19-21** Consider how many are my foes, and with what violent hatred they hate me. Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you.

**Psalms 26:8-12** O LORD, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells. Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men, in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes. But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me. My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.

**Psalms 26:1-3** Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering. Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and my mind. For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in your faithfulness.

## Integrity Doubted and Judged

**Job 2:9** Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die." (Job's wife mocking Job after great tragedy)

**Job 31:4-8** Does not he see my ways and number all my steps? "If I have walked with falsehood and my foot has hastened to deceit; (Let me be weighed in a just balance, and let God know my integrity!) if my step has turned aside from the way and my heart has gone after my eyes, and if any spot has stuck to my hands, then let me sow, and another eat, and let what grows for me be rooted out.

**Psalms 7:8** The LORD judges the peoples; judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness and according to the integrity that is in me.

**Proverbs 10:9** Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but he who makes his ways crooked will be found out.

**Proverbs 11:3** The integrity of the upright guides them, but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them.

## Walking with Integrity

**Job 27:1-5** And Job again took up his discourse, and said: "As God lives, who has taken away my right, and the Almighty, who has made my soul bitter, as long as my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils, my lips will not speak falsehood, and my tongue will not utter deceit. Far be it from me to say that you are right; till I die I will not put away my integrity from me.

**Psalm 101:1-2** I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to you, O LORD, I will make music. I will ponder the way that is blameless. Oh when will you come to me? Will walk with integrity of heart within my house;

**Proverbs 20:7, 11** The righteous who walks in his integrity— blessed are his children after him! Even a child makes himself known by his acts, by whether his conduct is pure and upright.

**Proverbs 28:18** Whoever walks in integrity will be delivered, but he who is crooked in his ways will suddenly fall.

**1 Timothy 2:1-4** (KJV) I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and (integrity) **honesty**. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

**Titus 2:7-8** Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show **integrity**, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.



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### Reasons I don't attend church

#### Our Physics / Theology Lesson for today:

**TENSION** is necessary

#### Titus Chapter 1:

Raise up leaders\*

Resist sin

Rebuke false teaching

#### Titus Chapter 2:

**"But as for you ..."**

Teach the **TRUTH** Concerning ...

- a) Grace (vs 1)
- b) Christian Living (vss 2-8)
- c) **SUBMITTING** To Authority (vss 9-10)
- d) Being A **WITNESS** Of Christ (vss 1-10)  
*Titus 2:11-14 — "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, <sup>12</sup>training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, <sup>13</sup>waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup>who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.*
- e) Grace-The arrival and return of the Savior (vss 11-13)
- f) The **TENSION** of the Work of Jesus Messiah (vs 14)
  - i. From
  - ii. For
- g) **GRACE** (and the terrorist attack)
- h) In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit