

The Book of Titus: How the Church Lives Out its Mission in Challenging Cultures – Week Six

Making the Shift from Self to Service

Titus 2:15-3:15

Living Out the Missional Vision

1. *IT BEGINS WITH LEADERSHIP – To make the shift from self to service we need the influence of spiritual leaders who cast this vision.*

Titus 2:15

- A. *“Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard You.” Verse 15*
- B. Providing missional leadership is going to be strenuous.
- C. This sort of leadership will be confrontational.
- D. Where Christians often need some confrontation.

2. *IT IS BASED ON HUMBLE HABITS - To make the shift from self to service, we need a humble public profile out in the world.* *Titus 3:1-3*

- A. Be good citizens in our community. 3:1
- B. Sustain respectful relationships. 3:2
- C. Be primed and ready to do good deeds.

3. *IT IS SUSTAINED BY RIGHT THEOLOGY - We have a right view of God.* *Titus 3:4-7*

- A. *“But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared.”*
Verse 4
- B. A statement of Jesus deity.
- C. Jesus appearing was extremely encouraging.
- D. *“He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy. Verse 5*
- E. Jesus showed grace.

F. Why should I serve?

4. *IT REQUIRES COMMITMENT* – To shift from self to service we need single-minded devotion to the cause. Titus 3:8-15

A. Paul speaks strongly in verse 8.

B. Paul wants us to reject those things that rob us of the missional view. Verses 9-11

C. A clear picture emerges.