

CONDUCT FOR WORLDLY SAINTS PCC, 16 Feb 2014

Text: Titus 3:1-2

Introduction

- Paul wrote to Titus to give him some guidelines on how he should order his ministry in the congregation.
- So he reminds Titus to remind the congregation. A large part of the pastor's ministry has to do with reminding the congregation of things we already know (v. 1, cf. 2 Pet 1:12)
- 3:1-2 teaches us how we are to conduct ourselves. 3:3-8, gives us some motivation for doing so.

1. Be Submissive & Obedient towards Civil Authorities

"¹ Put them in mind... to be subject to principalities [rulers] and powers [i.e. authority], to obey magistrates [government]"

- 5th commandment; cf. Rom 13:1-7.
- What about civil authorities which we cannot fully agree with? (1 Pet 2:13-14; 1 Tim 3:1-2; Acts 5:29; 1 Pet 2:15)

2. Be Ready to Every Good Work

...^{1b} to be ready to every good work.

- What are good works?
- What good work have I done or will do? (1 Cor 15:58).

3. Be Kind in Speech, Slander Not

^{2a} *To speak evil of no man...*

- Are we to say only positive things about other? (cf. Prov 6:16-19).
- What attitude should we adopt seeing we can easily fail? (cf. Prov 10:19; Jas 1:26; Prov 17:9)

4. Be Not Quarrelsome

...^{2b} *to be no brawlers.*

- No-fighter. Not contentious.
- Is there a difference between being opinionated and having an opinion?

5. Be Gentle & Meek to All

...^{2c} *[to be] gentle, showing all meekness unto all men.*

- Gentle: outward acts. Meekness: inward disposition.
- Imitate Christ (1 Peter 2:21-24).

Conclusion