



The book of Titus: Training by the Grace of God...

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age... **Titus 2:11-12**

The book of Titus...

- The Epistle to Titus is a pastoral letter written by Paul, providing guidance on church leadership and sound doctrine. It aims at ensuring church order and establishing Godly fellowship.
- The letter emphasizes the importance of sound teaching and good works, urging Titus to "teach what is consistent with sound doctrine" (Titus 2:1).
- Paul instructs Titus on various aspects of church life, including the qualifications for elders, the behavior of different groups within the church, and the need for Christians to live upright and godly lives.

The book of Titus...

	Taking charge Elders Rebellious people Chapter 1	Giving advice Men & women Leaders & workers Chapter 2	Doing right What to do What not to do Chapter 3
Targets	Elders & enemies	Specific groups	The body of Christ
Issue	Setting right leadership	Instructions for groups	Approach to good & bad
Approach	Good order (1:5)	Sound doctrine (2:1)	Good deed (3:1)
theme	Encouraging right living through sound doctrine		
Key verse	This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you. 1:5		
Christ in Titus	Is seen as our Lord and Savior who redeems and sanctifies us.		

Training by the Grace of God...

11. For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,
12. training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, **13.**
waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, **14.** 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

John 1:14... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

The ministry of Grace...

- **Romans 3:24**... and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.
- **Acts 20:32**... And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.
- **Ephesians 4:7**... But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.
- **2Timothy 2:1**... You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

Titus 2:11-12... For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, **training us** to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age...

What is the “Training by the Grace of God”...

The training of the believer by the grace of God is the prime role of God’s word by the power of the Holy Spirit to teach, instruct and discipline us into conformity unto the image of Christ so that we may bring our heavenly Father glory when tested.

Ephesians 4... 11. And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12. to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13. until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, 14. so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. 15. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.

Why the “Training by the Grace of God”...

The training of the believer by the grace of God is necessary because all believers will one day stand before the throne of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to give accounts for that which we did and said while on earth. Some of us will be rewarded and others will not.

Matthew 12... 33. “Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. 34. You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. 35. The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. 36. I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, 37. for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

How are we “Training by the Grace of God”...

A believer is trained by the grace of God by approaching God’s word like a child: believing and trusting, in discipline: being consistent and loving correction and in obedience to instructions: prayer for grace and meditation to internalize and live out every demand of God.

Romans 12... 1. I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. 3. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

Conclusion...

Hebrews 4... 14. Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need

Let us pray...