

TITUS...

“Setting in order
what is lacking!

The “Good Works” Book!

The “So That” Book!

TITUS STUDIES...

TWO-FOLD APPLICATION

“Setting Straight What is Lacking”

In Our Church

And In Our Personal Lives

“Setting Straight” ...Our Personal Lives

Three Major Motivations:

SO THAT...

- The Word of God will not be dishonored, 5!
- The opponent will be put to shame,
Having nothing bad to say about us, 8!
- We will adorn the doctrine of God
our Savior in every respect, 10!

“Setting Straight” ...Our Personal Lives

God’s Grace Teaches Us To Live...

- ✓ Negatively: “Deny ungodliness and worldly desires”
- ✓ Positively: “Live sensibly, righteously, godly...”
- ✓ Expectantly...Watchfully: “Looking for the Blessed Hope...”
- ✓ Zealously: “Zealous for good deeds”

FINAL COMMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS, 3:12-14

Paul's People: APPLICATIONS:

Artemas

Tychicus

Titus

Zenas

Apollos

- Responsibility needs to be earned and deserved before bestowed.
- There are no “nobodies” to God!
- God is looking for faithfulness, not “fame.”

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Paul's Plan:

For I have decided to spend the winter there.

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Paul's Provision:

Diligently send Zenas the lawyer and Apollos forth, so that nothing is lacking for them.

MISSION SUPPORT??

ASIDE: THE IMPORTANCE OF MISSIONARY SUPPORT, 3 JOHN 5-8

- It is an act of faithfulness, 5
- It includes whatever you do for them!
- It is to be done for the brethren, even if they are strangers
- It is a demonstration of love, 6
- It brings positive testimony to the church

ASIDE: THE IMPORTANCE OF MISSIONARY SUPPORT, 3 JOHN 5-8

- You are doing well.
- You should send them in a manner worthy of the Lord.
- They are going out for the sake of The Name,
7
- They are accepting nothing from the Gentiles
(unsaved)

ASIDE: THE IMPORTANCE OF MISSIONARY SUPPORT, 3 JOHN 5-8

- We OUGHT to support such men, 8.
- We become fellow-workers with the truth!

SOME PROBLEMS WITH MISSIONARY SUPPORT:

- Some missionaries may take 3-5, or more years to raise support!
- Support may be “spread out,” making “furlough” exhausting.
- Mission board “fees” increase the amount of support that must be raised.
- Missionary is “subject” to changes in supporting churches or individuals.

AN ALTERNATIVE TO MISSIONARY SUPPORT...

“Tent-Making” Missionaries, Acts 18:1-4

Some Advantages...

- May get to the “field” much more quickly!
- May be able to get into countries that “missionaries” can’t!
- Not subject to “loss of support” according to church changes back home.

AN ALTERNATIVE TO MISSIONARY SUPPORT...

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Some Advantages...

- May have more natural “contacts.”
- May not seem so...“American”!
- May be better able to relate to the “normal” lifestyle of the nationals.

AN ALTERNATIVE TO MISSIONARY SUPPORT...

Tent-Making Missionaries, Acts 18:1-4

Some DIS-Advantages...

- Need to have a “marketable skill” that is needed in the “target” country!
- May need a separate college degree BESIDES Bible/theological training.
- May not “recruit” an “army” of pray-ers to pray for them.

AN ALTERNATIVE TO MISSIONARY SUPPORT...

Tent-Making Missionaries, Acts 18:1-4

Some DIS-Advantages...

- Having to work a full-time job may limit the amount of time the missionary can devote to evangelism and discipleship.

**Hidden benefit: More “national”
involvement from the very beginning!**

AN ALTERNATIVE TO MISSIONARY SUPPORT...

“Retiree” Missionaries

Some Advantages...

- Retirement income \Leftrightarrow no support raising!
- May be able to get into countries that “missionaries” can’t!
- They have a legitimate sounding reason to BE in the foreign country.

AN ALTERNATIVE TO MISSIONARY SUPPORT...

“Retiree” Missionaries

Some Advantages...

- Since they don't have to work, they have more time to evangelize and disciple!

AN ALTERNATIVE TO MISSIONARY SUPPORT...

“Retiree” Missionaries

Some DIS-Advantages...

- May not want to leave children, grandchildren, and...“comfort”
- Older age often \Leftrightarrow less energy & strength to evangelize & disciple and start a new church.

AN ALTERNATIVE TO MISSIONARY SUPPORT...

“Retiree” Missionaries

Some DIS-Advantages...

- May have more difficulty learning language, culture, and customs; and may be less “adaptable.”

BOTTOM LINE: MISSIONARY SERVICE...

There are lots of different ways that people can serve as missionaries.

- Raising support
- “Tent-making”
- Retirees

There are advantages and disadvantages to each...but opportunities **ABOUND!**

BOTTOM LINE: MISSIONARY SERVICE...

**There are lots of different ways that
people can serve as missionaries.**

**Start serving where you are...
and ask God to lead you where and how
He would have you serve**

OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND!!



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