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TITUS AND TIMOTHY

“Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” (1 Timothy 4:12)

Objectives

<i>Knowledge of God’s Will</i>	Those who desire to serve God in church must be in example in word, conduct, love, spirit, faith, and purity. An admirable Christian defends the truth like a soldier, is obedient to God like an athlete, and hardworking like a farmer.
<i>Knowledge of God</i>	God is both faithful and true.
<i>Good Work</i>	Exhibit love and self-control, important attributes that define a Christian. Discern between truth and love. Aspire to be a faithful worker for the Lord.

A. Titus and Timothy: Good Workers for the Lord

1. Titus

- a. *Titus Is a Good Worker for the Lord:* Titus served God with love, integrity, and faith.
- b. *Paul’s Faithful Partner:* Titus traveled with Paul on missionary journeys.
- c. *Titus Is a Comforter:* Paul describes Titus as one through whom God comforted the downcast (2 Cor 7:6–7) and who had great affection for the members (2 Cor 7:15–16).
- d. *Titus Is a Good Shepherd:* Paul charged Titus with pastoring the new churches (Tit 1:5).

2. Timothy

- a. *Timothy’s Faith:* Timothy’s mother Eunice and grandmother Lois taught him the Scriptures. The faith passed on to him by his family helped him become a valuable worker for the Lord.
- b. *Paul’s Trusted Partner:* Timothy met Paul as a teenager and served God alongside him for many years; he gave himself wholeheartedly to the Lord’s work.
- c. *Timothy Sets an Example:* Although still relatively young, Paul encouraged him to continue setting an example for the believers in word, conduct, love, spirit, faith, and purity (1 Tim 4:12).

B. A Young Worker for the Lord

Age does not restrict our faithfulness to God. The church cannot grow if no one receives the baton. We may not be a strong spiritual worker yet, but our work today will shape us into one in the future.

C. An Admirable Christian

To become admirable Christians, we need to keep Paul’s three analogies in our hearts: defend the truth like a soldier, be obedient to God’s instructions like an athlete, and be hardworking like a farmer.

D. Love with Self-Control

In a world where people are guided by their desires, self-control is a rare trait often disregarded when considering how to act with love. A Christian who has a true love for Christ also has the self-control to restrain himself from sin (1 Cor 13:6; Gal 5:23).

Life Application

1. *Aspire to Be a Faithful Worker:* Be aware of the needs of the church and ask yourself if you can be the one to offer your skills and talent to the church.
2. *Godly, Christian Living:* Only through the help of the Holy Spirit can we live a godly, Christian life.
3. *Discern Between Truth and Love:* When showing love, the truth of God should never be compromised.

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Lesson 11 Homework Assignment

Titus and Timothy

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (1 Timothy 4:12):

1. Paul instructed Timothy to set an example in speech, conduct, love, spirit, faith, and purity. Pick two. How can you manifest Christ in these areas in your life?
2. Name three important traits of Titus. Why was he such a good worker for the Lord?
3. Why do you think Timothy grew up to be such a good worker for God?
4. What are the three analogies that Paul used to describe an admirable Christian?
5. How does love defined by the Bible differ from love defined by the world?
6. A description of love can be found in 1 Corinthians 13:4–8. Pick one characteristic that you think you can improve upon and explain how you plan on improving.