

Dig Deeper @Home – “Impress”

Complement to sermon on September 18, 2016 – “True Judgment”

MEMORIZE – 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

READ Titus 2: 1-15

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about us as humans?

2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?

3. Look at verses 11-13. There are three time frames mentioned...past, present, and future.
 - a. What is identified as being done in the past, what is being done in the present and what will be done in the future? (hint: v11 is past, v12 is present, v13 is future)

 - b. What difference does the timing make and what implications does this have on our lives?

4. We are told that the grace of God trains us to “renounce all ungodliness and worldly passions.”
 - a. What does it mean to renounce something? (Look up a definition if needed)

 - b. What is ungodliness? Give examples.

 - c. What are worldly passions? Give examples

 - d. What in your life needs to be renounced?

Bottom Line - Give a one or two sentence summary of the scripture:

Experiential

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The ones below are suggestions for how to experience the truths of Titus 2 and God's call for us to live fruitful lives. Feel free to use one of these or any you might come up with.

Pick 2

Pick two worldly passions to renounce this week, perhaps social media or a favorite food, listening to the radio or watching tv. Renounce these things for a week and fill that time instead with prayer or bible reading or serving your neighbors as a couple, an individual or a family. Use this time to play games together and talk about your days, giving thanks for the good and asking for Christ's guidance on the challenging. And anytime you are tempted to go back to what you renounced, pray for God's strength through Christ to enable you to endure.

SING (a suggested song to sing. Use this or any song you might want to sing)

Lead Us, O Father – Mennonite Hymnal #317

Use this as a prayer knowing that without God's help, we cannot and most likely will not renounce the ungodliness and worldly passions in our life.

I have Decided to Follow Jesus - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S8jvfdDtoqY>

An anthem to persevere in our decision to follow Jesus

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson: Lord, as we turn from these worldly passions this week and draw near to you, may we be overcome by your presence as you draw near to us. May each of us discover a new part of who you are as you yourself say if we seek you with all of our heart, we will find you. May it be according to your word and your will. In Christ name, Amen.