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Topic: A Study of Titus - A Pattern of a Good Works

Text: Titus 2:7-8

1. Some people misunderstand the doctrine of good works to be something as necessary for salvation. While others, like the church of Crete, go to the other extreme and say that they can live in any way they want as long as their sins are forgiven. Therefore, Titus was sent to rebuke the church and encourage them to be a good testimony unto the Lord by their good works.
2. It is a command from God to be a pattern of good works. This is applicable both to the pastor and everyone who professes to be a true believer. Such good works are manifested outwardly. We ought to follow the example of our Lord Jesus Christ and reflect His attributes through our actions.
3. The chief ministry of the pastor is his teaching (v7a). He must not twist God's Word but make sure everything he says is uncorrupted. All believers must take note of what comes out of their mouth and the kind of advice they give. The words that they say must reflect godly doctrines. Besides words, all believers must also take note of their disposition and conduct (v7b). They ought to behave in a proper and sincere manner.
4. In verse 8, Paul once again emphasises the importance of a controlled tongue. All believers must be sure that every word they utter cannot be condemned by the Lord. This is especially important for the believers at Crete as their tendency was to fall into the sin of habitual lying and deceiving. Therefore, Titus had to be a shining example for them.

*Commit to being a pattern of good works every moment of our lives*