

A LIFE OF SUBMISSION

Titus 3:1-10

Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall,
all the kings horses & all the kings men
couldn't put Humpty together again.

Titus 2:14, "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." (ESV).

1. SUBMIT TO AUTHORITIES

Titus 3:1, "Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work" (ESV).

Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes" (ESV).

Titus 3:2, "to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people" (ESV).

"Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ..." (Philippians 1:27 ESV).
The word "manner" or "conduct" in Greek is "politeuomai" the root word is "politeia" where we got the English word "politics."

2 Peter 1:12, "Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have" (ESV).

Be good citizens of our country, and

...share the life-changing message of Christ with those who don't yet know Him.

...Pray for the leaders of the country.

1 Timothy 2:1-2: "I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness."

....Participate and vote your values.

....Submit to God's Sovereignty.

Daniel 2:21, God "sets up kings and deposes them."

2. SUBMIT TO THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST

Titus 3:3: "For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another" (ESV).

2 Corinthians 10:12, they "measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another."

Titus 3:4, "But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,"

Ephesians 2:3, we "were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind, we were dead in our sin."

Then v. 4, "But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us"

Titus 3:5-7, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life" (ESV).

"...by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9 ESV).

1 Timothy 1:15, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the worst" (NIV).

Isaiah 64:6 says, "We have all become like one who is unclean and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment" (ESV).

1 John 3:1, "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!"

2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come" (ESV).

Titus 3:7, "... so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

"And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6 ESV).

3. SUBMIT TO THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD

Titus 3:8, "The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people" (ESV).

John 3:36a, "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life."
The Greek word "believe" is "pisteuo"—trust, a faith that relies on God.

Then in v. 36b, "whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him" (ESV)

The Greek word for the phrase "does not obey" is "apeitheo" —"not compliant" or "disobedient."

"in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15 ESV).

"Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called 'today,' that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin" (Hebrews 3:12–13 ESV).