

The Call to Good Works

Paul's letter to Titus makes it clear that the Christian is called to perform good works. These verses (3:1-8) make it clear that although we are prone to forget this important fact, Paul is nonetheless instructing Titus to insist on certain things in order that the church be careful to devote themselves to doing good.

Four Goads to Good Behavior!

1. A Faithful Description
 - a. Public and Private in context
 - b. Observable in nature
 - c. Constant in performance
 - d. Universal in application
2. A Humbling Truth
 - a. We were seven-fold failures ourselves!
 - b. Even Paul states unambiguously that he was like this!
3. A Gracious Salvation
 - a. God's goodness and kindness appeared
 - b. NOT our good works
 - c. We are justified and cleansed - by God
4. A New Identity
 - a. A new legal standing!
 - b. An eternal hope!

Application:

1. Are you being careful to devote yourself to doing good works?
For the right reasons? Towards all people?
2. Where does this text make you uncomfortable?
3. Do you have the hope of eternal life?