Titus

Week 7:

The Art of Being Genuinely Useful

Questions

1. Read Titus 3:9. How do you determine when a conversation is helpful and worth engaging in versus when it is becoming unproductive?
2. Read Titus 3:10-11. When faced with negativity or conflict, what helps you respond with patience, wisdom, and grace rather than frustration or anger?
3. What role do Christian friendships and relationships play in helping you remain faithful to what God has called you to do? How can you become more intentional about encouraging and supporting those who serve alongside you?
4. Read Titus 3:13-14. What might keep you from being generous with your time, resources, encouragement, or abilities? Who in your life might need practical help or support right now, and what is one thing you could do to meet that need?
5. Who has shown you grace, encouragement, or support in your faith journey? How has that relationship strengthened you?
6. Where are you spending time and energy on things that are not producing anything good in your life or relationships? How can you become more intentional about recognizing opportunities to serve others and make a positive difference in your church and community?

Scripture References

Titus 3:9-15

9 But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law,
because these are unprofitable and useless. 10 Warn a divisive person once, and then warn them
a second time. After that, have nothing to do with them. 11 You may be sure that such people are
warped and sinful; they are self-condemned.

Final Remarks

12 As soon as I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis,
because I have decided to winter there. 13 Do everything you can to help Zenas the lawyer and
Apollos on their way and see that they have everything they need. 14 Our people must learn to
devote themselves to doing what is good, in order to provide for urgent needs and not live
unproductive lives. 15 Everyone with me sends you greetings. Greet those who love us in the faith.

Takeaways

- Relationships are useless. Relationships are a blessing. How to be one and not the other.
- Relationships that are useless. (processing the challenging people in your life.)

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    - Radical grace doesn't have to mean a radical lack of boundaries.
    - Remember: Sometimes grace shows up in what you say - and sometimes in what you don't say.
    - Remember: Someone else's need to argue doesn't mean you're obligated to participate.
    - Remember: If their hurtful behavior is creating confusion, division, arguments, distractions, or exhaustion – it might be time to walk away.
    - Remember – Not everyone who looks the part is actually legit.
- Relationships that are a blessing. (strengthening the team around you.)
    - Remember: Anytime someone is strengthening you spiritually and willing to sacrifice in order to meet needs, they're a beneficial blessing.
- How to be One and Not the Other (learning the art of being genuinely useful)
    - The more God's grace frees us from the need to be right, important, or in control, the more we are freed to make life better for those around us - and the more the world see God's goodness through us.