

The Guardian of Christian Conduct

Titus 3:1-15

The gospel compels us to pursue goodness

- 1. The gospel reorients the life of the believer (3-8)**
- 2. Because of Christ's saving work, Christians are to be devoted to doing what is good (8-11)**
 - a. We are devoted to goodness in our civic life (1)
 - b. We are devoted to goodness in our social life (2)
 - c. We are devoted to goodness in our verbal life (9-11)
- 3. Godly conduct is a guardian of the church**

For Further Study and Reflection

Willing to Believe by R.C. Sproul

Baptism and Fullness by John Stott

The Case for Civility by Os Guinness

The Allure of Gentleness by Dallas Willard

Winsome Conviction by Tim Muehlhoff & Richard Langer

Engaging God's World by Cornelius Plantinga, Jr.

Augustine's Bondage of the Will

Posse non peccare – possible for Adam not to sin (before the fall)

Non posse non peccare – not possible not to sin (we are in bondage to sin – requires an outside work to deliver us from this bondage)

Posse non peccare – after conversion, possible not to sin (can resist the power of sin – though not perfectly)

Non posse peccare – not possible to sin (after being glorified)