Titus - Commentaries by Paul J. Pascoe

CareLines: Volume 3, One Thing God Can’t Do (1:2)

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God, that cannot lie.

Titus 1:2

Isn’t it great that this is one thing that God can’t do? Yes, He cannot lie. Whenever He says something, it’s always the absolute truth. One of the first sins that we commit as children is to lie. Satan is called by Jesus a “liar from the beginning,” and “the father of lies.” God is the exact opposite. Absolute truth. Jesus said of Himself, “I am . . . the truth.” John 14:6. Trust Him - He cannot lie.

CareLines: Volume 2, Example (2:7)

TIT 2:7

In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works.

Titus 2:7

You will affect others in one of two ways - either for good or for bad. The Lord expects you to be an example for good. One way to show that example is in doing a good turn for someone else. There are so many who need your help. The new boy at school is lonely. You can befriend him and help him feel welcome. Invite him to Sunday school or a young people’s meeting. Before you go to bed tonight read Titus chapter 2 verses 1 through 10. Think about it.

CareLines: Volume 2, Speech: TIT 2:7-8 (2:7-8)

TIT 2:7-8

Showing thyself a pattern of good works . . . sound speech, that cannot be condemned.

Titus 2:7, 8

Our speech shows what we believe. We should always have our tongues under control and our speech should be with grace seasoned, as needed, with salt. In addition our speech should be trustworthy. The Bible tells us to let our yes be yes, and our no, no. That’s pretty straight talk. Sound speech is a characteristic that every Christian should show.

CareLines: Volume 2, Young Men: TIT 2:6 (2:6)

TIT 2:6

Young men likewise exhort to be sober-minded.

Titus 2:6

We sometimes think that “sober minded” means that we’re a real stick-in-the-mud, no sense of humor. Not so! It simply means to be self-controlled. Don’t go overboard in anything, but be able to say “No!” when things have gone far enough. And this can be in anything in your life. Get control of yourself, young brother. Keep control of yourself. When you keep yourself under control the enemy has a hard time. And that’s what the Lord wants for you - to be able to resist Satan.

CareLines: Volume 3, Advice (2:3-4)

TIT 2:3-4

Aged women . . . teach the young women.

Titus 2:3, 4

Let’s remember that God has given the older ones (men and women) the responsibility of passing on to us godly teaching and counsel. We benefit from the fruit of their experience. We should listen to their help and receive it as the Lord’s care for us. Never be afraid, young Christian, to listen to older ones. It could save you a lot of trouble.

CareLines: Volume 2, Subjection (3:1)

TIT 3:1

Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates.

Titus 3:1

Subjection to authority is one of God’s principles and the mark of a Christian. God has placed in positions of power those that He wants there - whether we like them or not. Therefore we need to obey them. In a democratic society where demonstrations and protest marches are commonplace let’s be careful that we maintain a spirit of subjection to our leaders.

CareLines: Volume 2, Evil Speaking (3:1-2)

TIT 3:1-2

Put them in mind . . . to speak evil of no man.

Titus 3:1, 2

Evil speaking or slander is so easy to do. You get talking with a group of friends and before you know it you’re discussing someone and perhaps saying unkind things about them, even malicious gossip. Sure, there are people that we naturally don’t get along with or are not close to, but that’s no reason to speak evil of them. But our verse goes much farther than that. It tells us to speak no evil of anybody, whether we know them or not. Turn away from gossip-mongers and speak only those things that edify (or build up).

CareLines: Volume 2, Gentleness (3:1-2)

TIT 3:1-2

Put them in mind to be . . . gentle.

Titus 3:1, 2

A gentle person reflects the same quality that was seen all the time in the Lord Jesus. He was a gentle person. He was approachable. People were not afraid of Him. He always replied kindly to questions, oftentimes even to those who deliberately tried to trip Him in His words. The Lord didn’t come to judge the world - He came to save it. We have not been left here to judge people either but to bring the gospel to them. We are dealing with offendable souls. Be gentle.

CareLines: Volume 2, Good Works (3:8)

TIT 3:8

They which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works.

Titus 3:8

Good works. Good works. Good works. That’s one of the repeated messages in the New Testament. Christianity is not a dead “religion”. It’s the belief in and a personal relationship with a living Savior in heaven. And one that is characterized by good works. Don’t neglect to do your part!

“Faith without works is dead.” James 2:26.

“I will show thee my faith by my works.” James 2:18.

CareLines: Volume 2, Mercy (3:4-5)

TIT 3:4-5

After that the kindness and love of God our Savior . . . appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us.

Titus 3:4, 5

Many of us think that we are pretty good, we do good works, we work for God. But our salvation does not depend on what we do. It depends SOLELY on God. We get to heaven simply because God chose to make us fit for heaven. He showed MERCY. Why did He choose you? Because in love He showed mercy to you. Do you realize that of all the millions of people who will be in heaven, every one will have gotten there exactly the same way? Through God’s mercy. That’s a VERY humbling thought. Think about it!

CareLines: Volume 3, Service (3:1)

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Put them in mind . . . to be ready to every good work.

Titus 3:1

A Christian is expected to be kind. We should be ready, at any time, to drop what we are doing for ourselves and go and help someone else. And we don’t have to restrict our service to other believers. Our kindness to the unsaved can speak volumes and can be used of the Lord to reach their consciences and bring them to Christ.

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