

the TAKE HOME 10.30.16

Today's Scripture Passage: Titus 3:1-8

Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, ²to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone. ³At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. ⁴But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. ⁸This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

Questions:

1. What important matters does Paul remind the Cretan believers about in this passage?
2. Can you cite an instance when memory served as motivation for you?
3. Why was it important at this juncture in his message to the Cretan believers for Paul to remind them of God's work in their lives?
4. Why did Paul want the Cretan believers to remember these things?
5. How does our relationship with God make a difference in our relationships with others?

Prayer:

1. For our national election, and its aftermath.
2. For our Pastoral Search Team
3. For our church leaders
4. For those in our midst who struggle with spiritual, physical, emotional or financial issues.
5. Our neighbors