

Lesson 12

NT Book: 1 & 2 Timothy & Titus

Book Theme: God's People Are the Church & God's People Do Good Works

Key Verse: 1 Timothy 3:15 & Titus 3:14a

Summary: Timothy had been a long time companion of Paul, ever since Paul invited him to come along during his second missionary journey. Paul viewed Timothy as a son (Phil. 2:22) and sent him to visit churches when Paul couldn't go himself. Late in Paul's life, he asked Timothy to oversee the church at Ephesus (1 Tim. 1:3). Paul was hoping to return there eventually, as well, but in case that didn't happen, Paul wrote Timothy a personal letter so he would "know how people ought to act in God's household, which is the church of the living God" (1 Tim. 3:15). Overseeing the church meant guiding God's people, because God's People are the Church! Toward the end of his life, when Paul was facing imminent death, Paul wrote a second letter to Timothy, urging him to persist in proclaiming the truth of the inspired word of God (2 Tim. 3:16), even amidst opposition.

Titus was a Gentile companion of Paul. Similar to Timothy in Ephesus, Titus was asked by Paul to remain in Crete to oversee the church there (Titus 1:5). Cretans were known for their dishonest ways, so Paul encouraged Titus to consistently lead the church with sound teaching clearly demonstrated by good works. For in contrast to other Cretans, God's People do Good Works!

Video: Who Are Timothy and Titus, the People?

Teaching Points:: Why Does God Call the Church to Do Good Works?

Class Time

Review Activities

- Review flash cards
- Play hangman on the whiteboard or on pieces of paper using words from various verses and themes.

Small Group Activity

- Work together to complete the worksheet on all the verses we've had so far this semester.

Large Group Activity

- "Bible Verse Hopscotch" (w/ 1 Tim 3:15 & Titus 3:14a) - Using painter's tape, mark off a hopscotch grid in an open area. Write a few words of the verse on index cards, and place a card in each of the squares of the grid. Children say the verse as they jump through the hopscotch grid. Once kids become familiar with the verse, toss an object into one of the squares before starting to jump. Remove the card in that square and see if the child can still say the verse in rhythm as he/she jumps.

Take Home Page

- Send a take home page with each child and encourage them to spend time with God during the week.



New Testament - Lesson 12

1 & 2 Timothy & Titus

Themes: God's People Are the Church

God's People Do Good Works

Key Verses: I have written that you will know how people ought to act in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

1 Timothy 3:15

And our people must also learn to devote themselves to good works.

Titus 3:14a

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This Week

Read 1 Timothy 4:11-16

1. List the ways Paul encourages young Timothy to be an example (v. 12). In what ways can you be an example to others (even if they're older than you)?
2. Why do you think it was important for Timothy to publicly read, exhort and teach the Bible? Why is this important today? (See 1 Timothy 3:16)
3. Think about this week's key verse. If we are God's church, why is the way we act important?



BELIEFS

Parents & Kids Learning The Bible Together

Use the words from the Word Bank to complete the verses we've had so far this semester.

Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the _____ always. I _____ it again: _____!

Colossians 2:9

For the entire _____ of God's _____ dwells bodily in _____.

I Thessalonians 4:16

For the Lord _____ will _____ from heaven with a _____, with the archangel's _____ and with the _____ of God, and the _____ in Christ will _____ first.

I Timothy 3:15

I have _____ so that you will know how _____ ought to act in God's _____, which is the _____ of the living God, the _____ and _____ of the _____.

Titus 3:14

And our people must also _____ to _____ themselves to good _____.

Word Bank

Christ
church
dead
descend
devote
eternal
fulness
foundation
Himself
household
knowledge
learn
love
Lord
name
nature
people
pillar
Rejoice
rise
saints
say
shout
trumpet
truth
very
voice
written
works