



# “The Fruits of Godly Leadership”

Titus 2-3

Lesson 9

## In A Nutshell

The results of good leadership are very practical in nature, but they are not altogether obvious to sinful man. You need to apply the fruits of godly leadership to the way you live. You will also want to reject the world's artificial and shallow standard for a successful local church ministry after this study.

## To The Testimony!

### The Results of a Fruitful Leadership Ministry

Titus  
2:1

1. When Paul encouraged his young pastor, Titus, to have a fruitful ministry, he did not talk much about how big he hoped his crowd would be or the numbers he hoped Titus tallied on his bus route. Big crowds and full buses are great, but they are not the standard by which God's people are to judge the fruit of a man's ministry. Paul used a different standard. What is the standard for a fruitful ministry? What should we use to measure the level of fruitfulness when it comes to godly leadership?

---

---

---

---

Titus  
2:2-8

2. Godly leaders produce followers with godly character. *Character* can be one of those terms that we have trouble defining, even though we know what it means. Paul defines *character* for us in this passage in a specific way. He categorizes Titus' followers into four groups, and he then gives a specific list of character traits, which applies to that group. The groups are (1) older men (v. 2), (2) older women (v. 3), (3) younger women (v. 4), and (4) younger men, the group to which Titus belonged (vv. 6-8). List the character traits for each group, and then state in summary what Paul seems to be emphasizing with each group.

Group:	Character Trait:	Paul's Emphasis for this Group:
Older Men		
Older Women		
Younger Women		
Younger Men		

Titus  
2:9-10

3. *Fidelity* is a term that banks like to use to describe themselves. They want their depositors to know that they can be trusted. Fidelity is a trait that godly leadership ought to produce in the "servants" or employees found in their congregations. It should be known that Christian employees can be trusted. The result is the adornment of the doctrine of God. How does a Christian employee demonstrate fidelity to his employer?

---



---



---

Titus  
3:1-2

4. We need to jump ahead to chapter three for one last result of fruitful godly leadership, responsible citizenship. Scripture never argues for political revolution as a means of accomplishing the will of God, and yet there have been times in which godly people disobeyed their government with God's blessing. Each of the passages listed below documents an example of God's blessing on civil disobedience. Read the passage. Describe the justification for the act of disobeying civil authority. When is it right for a Christian to disobey the government?

Passage:	Justification For Disobedience:
Exodus 1:15-22	
Joshua 2:1-7	
Esther 4:13-17	
Daniel 3:8-12	
Daniel 6:6-16	

## The Foundation of a Fruitful Leadership Ministry

- Titus 2:11-12
- Rom. 5:20-21
5. God's grace is the cornerstone of the foundation of a fruitful leadership ministry. Simply put, *grace* means *undeserved favor or kindness*. Some modern-day Christians have taken the convenient position that grace involves no requirements because grace is undeserved. They charge believers who have high standards or rules of conduct with legalism. In their view, Christians who emphasize personal separation from worldliness in regard to habits, dress code, entertainment alternatives, and church worship are Christians who live under the law, and not under grace. What does this passage teach us about God's grace, which conflicts with this modern view of grace? How should these characteristics of God's grace be reflected in a godly leadership ministry?
- 
- 
- 

### From The Honeycomb

Two things? Or two names of one thing or person? Titus 2:13 Take a look at the two sentences below:

- 1) "Let me introduce to you the pastor and the father of Jonathan."
- 2) "Let me introduce to you the pastor and father of Jonathan."

Did you notice the difference? The difference in content is that the first sentence adds the word *the* before the word *father*. The difference in meaning is that in the first sentence I most likely am introducing to you two different people. In the second sentence, I am introducing to you one person who is both the pastor and father of Jonathan. That little word *the* makes a big difference.

We have the same kind of difference in Greek, only the Greek language is a bit more strict about it. The rule, somewhat simplified, is that if one definite article (*the*) is used, only one thing with two names is being referred to. If two definite articles are used, two things are being referred to. Take a look at two of the phrases we find in Titus 2:13 (my translation):

- 1) "the blessed hope and glorious appearing"
- 2) "of the great God and Savior of us, Jesus Christ."

Paul is talking about one coming with two names in the first phrase, not two comings. And Paul is talking about the One who is coming in the second phrase, not Two. Both sentences have only one definite article. The hope that encouraged Paul was that he would one day see Jesus Christ appear, who is his Savior and his great God!

Titus  
2:13-15

6. The Christian's hope also contributes to fruitful results of godly leaders. As discussed in the "From The Honeycomb" box, verse 13 is a profound affirmation of the deity of the Lord Jesus. As you read verse 14, what parallels do you find between the Christian's hope and God's grace from question 5? How do they compare in their impact on the way we choose to live?
- 
- 
- 

## Real Life?

Rick Anderson, the senior deacon at Bethel Baptist Church, came home from prayer meeting somewhat discouraged. Tops on the list of prayer requests again this week was that list of church bills that needed to be paid. Worn out, he sat down and happened to turn on a special TV news show on one of the national networks featuring a documentary on something called, "The Vineyard Movement." Rick was intrigued. The reason for the documentary and national media attention was the phenomenal growth rate this "conservative Christian denomination" (as the news man put it) was experiencing.

As the show progressed, it became obvious that the movement did not represent true Bible conservatism as the news media claimed. From what Rick could discern, the movement had a strong bent toward the charismatic movement and away from the Bible. Pastor Jones had just finished a good series on the error of the charismatic movement. But the businessman in Rick forced him to pay special attention to the techniques advocated by the movement to build church numbers. Bethel had been behind on bills for a while, and Rick wished that their congregation had more members to help carry the load. The movement conducted regular surveys among its members and community so as to tailor more closely their ministry to the desires of those they wanted to have attend. The result had been the introduction of a well-attended and popular drama night. Coats and ties were replaced with shorts and tank tops, and the morning message was cut to only 10 minutes of the morning service time. A jazz band was set up where most would expect to find the organ, and a hot-dog and hamburger ice-cream bar lined the lobby, complete with Sunday afternoon big screen football.

Rick recognized a lot of parallels in the documentary with a seminar he attended at work on "Customer Value." He was in sales, and the seminar dealt with how to know what your customers want and how to deliver it to them. It emphasized that this methodology was essential to the survival of any business in the fast-paced world of the 21st century. He began to think about what he was seeing. "Does the Bible really teach that we have to have Sunday School or meet on Sunday nights? Do we really need an hour long message? What about that coat and tie thing? I must confess that even I would rather not wear one. I wonder what Pastor Jones might think of this?" Rick taped the show for his pastor.

Pastor Jones was preparing this lesson on the fruits of godly leadership for Sunday School. He planned on using parts of Rick's tape as an illustration. Do you think he was planning on using it as a positive or negative example? Why?