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12 As soon as I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, because I have decided to winter there. 13 Do everything you can to help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way and see that they have everything they need. 14 Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good, in order that they may provide for daily necessities and not live unproductive lives. NIV

### **Avoid foolish controversies/genealogies/arguments...3:8-11**

What is the ‘trustworthy saying’ referenced in 3:8? 3:4-7

**“...He saved us, not because of any righteous deeds we did, but because of His mercy...”**

Having laid out this incredible ‘trustworthy saying’, what is Paul’s command? 3:8a

**I want you to stress (affirm constantly). That is, repeatedly. Because of His mercy!**

And WHY does he want this truth stressed, repeatedly? 3:8b; 3:14; IICor.9:12-15

**So that believers may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good!**

But he just said, ‘...not by righteous deeds...but His mercy...’. Which is right?? Eph.2:8-10

**BOTH are right. No works to GET saved, but being saved, we must WORK for Him!**

And then, what is Paul’s ‘warning’ command? 3:9a; 1:14; ITim.1:3-7; IITim.2:23

**Avoid foolish controversies and genealogies / argument / quarrels about the Law!**

Why was the ‘about the Law...’ such an important issue to Titus? 1:10-16

**These unsaved, Jewish false teachers, were corrupting the church via ‘Law’ arguments.**

How does Paul *really* feel about such false teachers? 3:11; ITim.6:3-5; IITim.2:23-26

**He identifies them, rebukes them, corrects them with gentleness. Goal is their repentance.**

So what if this person refuses to repent? 3:10; Mt.18:15-17

**Warn (mild rebuke), twice. After that, reject him (shun, refuse). NOT endless debate!**

What warning does Paul give to us to help avoid this situation? IITim.4:1-4

**Preach the Word, in season and out of season! Fending off the ‘tickling ears...’!**

### **Paul’s concluding instructions to Titus...3:12-15**

What was Paul asking Titus to do in 3:12?

**Come to Nicopolis to ‘winter’ with him. Either Artemas or Tychicus would replace Titus.**

What are his instructions re Zenas the lawyer and Apollos? 3:13; Acts 18:24

**Help them on their way. That is, encourage and support them as they minister.**

And what challenge does he leave re ‘our people’? 3:14; Jn.15:8,16; Col.1:10

**They must learn to be devoted to good deeds! Provide for life, not be unfruitful.**

And what is Paul’s “signature” greeting? 3:15; ICor.16:23; Eph.6:24; IITim.4:22; Heb.13:25

**Grace be with you all... Amen!**

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