

**Make the Gospel  
Attractive**

***Studies in  
Paul's letter to Titus***

***Ready and Eager to Do Good***  
***Titus 3.1-2***

# The Gospel challenges every culture

- **Conversion is a long-term process**
  - ⇒ *The Cretans were habitual liars, evil brutes, lazy gluttons 1.12*
  - ⇒ *Many were rebellious 1.10*
  - ⇒ *Others were foolish, disobedient, deceivers, enslaved to passions and pleasure living in malice, envy, hatred 3.3*
- **Paul's seven targets for change**

## 1. Be subject to the civil authorities, v1

- **A challenge to rebels 1.10**
- **We voluntarily place ourselves under those whom God has set over us for our good Rom 13.1-7; 1 Pet 2.13-15**

## 2. Be obedient, v1

- ***Disobedience was the original sin 1.16***
- ***Obedience is inspired by God's Spirit***  
***Ezekiel 36.24-27***
- ***Obedience measures our true love for Jesus***  
***John 14.15,21,23,24***
- ***Obedience is the sign we really know him***  
***1 John 2.3-6***
- ***Obedience has limits: God before men***  
***Acts 5.29; Dan 3.14-17; 6.7-10***

### 3. Be ready to do whatever is good, v1

- *A challenge to cultural laziness 1.12*
- *Jesus 'went about doing good' Acts 10.38  
John 5.17; 4.34*
- *We're saved for good works Eph 2.8-10*
- *Doing good - love it 1.8  
teach it 2.3  
example it 2.7  
be eager for it 2.14  
be ready for it 3.1  
be devoted to it 3.8  
learn it 3.14  
be self supporting and fruitful*

## 4. Don't slander anyone, v2

- *A challenge to habitual liars 1.12; Rev 12.10*
- *We worship a God of love and truth 1.1*  
*Isaiah 65.16; 1 John 4.8,16*
- *We must keep our tongues under control*  
*James 1.26; 3.9-10; 1 Pet 3.10*
- *We must think and speak positively*  
*Eph 4.29-30; Phil 4.8; Mat 12.34-35; Eccles 10.12*

## 5. Be peaceable, v2

- *A challenge to the argumentative 3.9-11*
- *True wisdom is peace loving James 3.17-4.3*
- *Jesus calls us to be peacemakers Mat 5.9*  
*2 Cor 5.18-19; 2 Tim 2.4*

## 6. Be considerate, v2

- *A challenge to brutes! 1.12*
- *Put other people first – like Jesus Phil 2.3-5*

## 7. Show true humility, v2

- *A challenge to the assertive*
- *Use your strength gently – like Jesus Psalm 45.4*