



**"ALL IN!"**

**Devoted to What Matters Most**

**Titus 3:8-11;14**

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#### BIG IDEA

When God's people lose sight of their mission, the result is division. But when we devote ourselves to what matters most—doing the will of God and living out grace—we show the world who we belong to. Paul's instructions to Titus remind us that devotion and division cannot coexist. We are either "all in" for Jesus or distracted by foolish controversies and personal agendas. True devotion begins with sound doctrine, leads to good works, and bears fruit that blesses others. A healthy church is not marked by comfort or control, but by courageous obedience and visible unity. When believers go all in for Christ, their devotion becomes a testimony of grace to a watching world.

#### THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

##### **Titus 3:8-11;14 (ESV)**

8 The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.

9 But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless.

10 As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him,

11 knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.

14 And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful.

#### MAIN THEME

Paul's letter to Titus closes with a clear challenge to stay focused on what truly matters: living out the gospel through good works and avoiding the traps of division. The church in Crete, like many today, faced distractions—arguments, pride, and competing loyalties. Paul calls believers back to the basics: to remember the gospel truths of verses 4-7, to live them out in action, and to avoid anything that divides.



Devotion to Christ shows up in how we treat others, how we serve, and how we stay united in mission. But division thrives when believers major on minor issues, fight for control, or lose focus on grace. The result is unfruitfulness. Paul urges Titus to remind the church that good works flow from grace—not from guilt or self-righteousness. When we center our lives on Jesus and His mercy, our hands naturally get to work in ways that build the kingdom. A church that’s “all in” doesn’t waste time on foolish controversies—it gets busy loving people and meeting needs in Jesus’ name.

## DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

### 1. Be Devoted to God’s Mission

*Titus 3:8; Matthew 28:18–20*

- What does it mean to “devote yourself to good works”?
- Why do you think Paul connects sound doctrine (“these things”) to right living?
- What would it look like for you personally—and for Ridgewood Church—to be “all in” for God’s mission?

### 2. Avoid the Distractions That Derail Devotion

*Titus 3:9; 2 Timothy 2:23*

- What are some “foolish controversies” Christians get caught up in today?
- How can minor disagreements or personal preferences grow into division?
- What are some practical ways to recognize and avoid conversations that are “unprofitable and worthless”?

### 3. Take Division Seriously

*Titus 3:10–11; Matthew 18:15–17*

- Why do you think Paul calls divisive behavior “self-condemning”?
- How can the church lovingly confront someone who is stirring up conflict while still seeking restoration?
- Why is unity so important to the witness and health of a local church?

### 4. Good Works Lead to a Fruitful Life

*Titus 3:14; Ephesians 2:10*

- How do good works serve as visible evidence of devotion to Christ?
- What “urgent needs” around you might God be calling you to meet?



- How does a church known for serving others reflect the heart of Jesus?

#### PRAY

Father, thank you for saving us by your mercy and grace—not because of anything we’ve done. Help us to live lives that reflect that mercy through our actions. Keep us focused on your mission and free from foolish distractions. Where there is division, bring repentance and restoration. Where there is apathy, ignite devotion. Teach us to serve others, meet urgent needs, and bear fruit that honors your name. Make Ridgewood a church that is truly “all in”—devoted to Jesus, to each other, and to your mission. Amen.

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For further study this week:

- **Romans 12:9-13** — Genuine love in action
- **Ephesians 2:8-10** — Saved by grace, created for good works
- **2 Timothy 2:23-26** — Avoid foolish quarrels
- **Matthew 18:15-17** — Restoring those who cause division
- **Galatians 6:9-10** — Do good to everyone, especially the household of faith

#### NEXT WEEK’S BIG IDEA

David Pierce from Steiger Ministries helps us to see that being “ALL IN” means that we are willing and able to share our faith.

