

BLUE PRINTS

OF A HEALTHY CHURCH

Message Title: **Constructive Ministry**

Titus 3:9-15 NKJV | Sunday AM, July 25th,2021 | Pastor Jack Lamb

⁹ But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless.

¹⁰ Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition,

¹¹ knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned. ¹² When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, be

diligent to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. ¹³ Send Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their

journey with haste, that they may lack nothing. ¹⁴ And let our

people also learn to maintain good works, to *meet* urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful. ¹⁵ All who *are* with me greet you.

Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace *be* with you all. Amen.

Introduction

2. How to _____ the Church – 12-15

Work _____ (12-13a)

_____ Care for One Another (13b)

See & _____ Needs (14)

Conclusion

Sermon Application Questions

1. *How can we discern when a debate has moved beyond the good goal of clarifying and defending the truth and become a foolish waste of time?*
2. *Why do you think the Holy Spirit included seemingly mundane instructions like the ones in vs. 12-13 in Scripture?*
3. *Why does Paul place the emphasis on “good deeds” as a learned behavior? What does this say about our basic nature as humans?*
4. *From what you have learned from the Book of Titus as a whole, how does it demonstrate that there are dimensions of God’s grace that can be enjoyed only in the context of Christian community?*

BE A DOER. Your responsibility, by God’s enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil 2:12-13; 1 Tim 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions: (1) How does God want my beliefs/actions to change? (2) How can I accomplish this change? (3) What is the first step toward bringing about this change?