

Titus: How to  
Be an influencer  
in a nearly  
impossible to  
influence culture.

## TALK IT OVER

### Key Scriptures

Titus 3:8-15 <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup> But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. <sup>10</sup> As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, <sup>11</sup> knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned. <sup>12</sup> When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. <sup>13</sup> Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. <sup>14</sup> And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful. <sup>15</sup> All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all.

### Key Point

Stress what is profitable (the Gospel) but reject what is unprofitable.

Start talking: Pick a conversation starter for your group.

- What parts of this message do you feel like you really needed to hear?
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Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Read Titus 3:8-15. What thoughts do these verses stir in you?
- How seriously do you view divisiveness?
- Have you ever witnessed a situation when a divisive person went unchecked? What impact did it have on the individual? On the community?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Do you find it easy to discuss controversy instead of the gospel? When? How could you make sure you focus on the gospel in that situation the next time?
- Why is it so important for churches to care about sound doctrine, to practice church discipline, and create a culture where it is normal to exhort and even reprove one another in specific ways?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Today and each day this week, devote a portion of your prayer time to asking God for a greater level of kindness and compassion for the lost in your life. Ask Him for the ability to minister to others in this unique situation.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week!

- If you don't already spend a set time with God daily, try it this week. If you do, try adding a portion of quietly waiting on God's presence.
- Have you memorized any portions of the book of Titus? Try memorizing Titus 2:11-14 or 3:4-7.