

*Connecting the "Doctrinal" Dots:  
Good Works Give Glory To God!*  
Titus 3:1-8 with other selected passages

**Since GOOD WORKS can't save us from sin or earn us  
a place in Heaven, what's the REAL REASON for them?**

Summarizing The Biblical Context

- 1) The FOUNDATION of our salvation= The GRACE of God
- 2) The FOCUS of our salvation= The GLORY of God
- 3) The FUNCTION of our salvation= GOOD WORKS that:  
HONOR God &  
HIGHLIGHT His "presents/presence" in our lives!

Specifying The Biblical Content

- \*— There's a valuable benefit to receiving  
"*intentional & insightful*" **REMINDERS!** {3:1}
  - Periodic repetition is essential & encouraging.
  - We should always be receptive to the voice of truth.
- FOUR PROFITABLE & PRODUCTIVE REMINDERS:**
- 1— We should **RECOGNIZE:** {3:1}
  - the AUTHORITY God has placed over our lives!
  - the NECESSITY & NATURE of the obedience God desires from us!
  - the OPPORTUNITIES we have to give glory to God!
- 2— We're called to give God **ROOM** to work in people's lives. {3:2-7}
  - Never RESPOND with RIDICULE! = No slander, malice, or revenge
  - REASONABLE REACTIONS! = Peaceable (no attacks or arguments)  
Gentle (patient, tolerant, just & fair)
  - RESPECT! = considerate & courteous;  
treat others like you would want to be treated
  - REMEMBER: we are all sinners who need God's grace!

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- 3— We're called by God to travel the **ROAD** to spiritual health! {3:3-7}
  - this ROUTE requires:
    - a good measure of **HONESTY!**  
We all come from a background of sin & slavery!
    - a genuine sense of **HUMILITY!**  
No one can EARN God's gift of salvation!  
None of us is ENTITLED to God's mercy & grace!  
It's God's kindness & love that ENABLES us to be rescued!
  - God puts us on a path that leads to **HOLINESS!**  
His presents in our lives EMPOWERS us to be different!  
His presence in us helps us ENGAGE with our culture!
- 4— God's Spirit is constantly at work **RENEWING** us! {3:5-8}
  - Salvation** is a work by God that based on our trust in Him!  
We're justified by grace thru faith = He judges us as righteous!
  - Sanctification** is a work by God's Spirit = the process of holiness  
"the washing of regeneration" = the stain of sin is cleansed &  
believers are given a new life in Christ  
"the renewing of the Holy Spirit = God and God alone changes us  
We become new creatures in Christ! God deserves the glory!

***Applications from Today's Study***

- {1} **God desires us to be ATTENTIVE & ALERT!**
  - Obedient to His guidance!
  - Observant to His goodness!
  - Opportunistic with His Gospel message!
- {2} **Good works & deeds are a result of God's presence in our lives & His presents to enable us to serve Him.**
- {3} **Our ACTIONS & ATTITUDES will impact and influence our ABILITY to ADDRESS others with the Gospel.**
  - Cautious about being ARROGANT!
  - Considerate ATTITUDES!
  - Common bond: we are ALL sinners!