

Grace for the World



Missions Emphasis 2018

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TITUS 2:11-3:11

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2 Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness. 3 Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, 4 and **so** train the young women to love their husbands and children, 5 to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, **that the word of God may not be reviled.** 6 Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled. 7 Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, 8 and sound speech that cannot be condemned, **so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.** 9 Bondservants are to be submissive to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, 10 not pilfering, but showing all good faith, **so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.**

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12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, 13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. 15 Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

What is the best good work???

Matthew 22:36

"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" 37 And he said to him, "**You shall love** the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a *second is like it:* **You shall love** your neighbor as yourself.



Last week the 'PRAYER for this week'

Please pray that

- 1. Ebenezer would break out of our comfort zones and meet new people for the sake of sharing the good news,**
- 2. Ebenezer would be committed to making true disciples who follow Jesus, &**
- 3. you personally would make a goal to share your faith at least once per week.**

332 households
54 are members



In many communities in the US there is a growing Islamic presence. As Christians we have three options of how to respond:

- **We can ignore them**
- **We can complain and criticize them**
- **We can seek to build bridges to them so that we might communicate the Gospel**

2 intrusive questions

If God is bringing people from closed or inaccessible countries to our communities how can we not embrace those opportunities for sharing the love of Christ?

If God has placed us in a community that needs to know the Lord how can we not embrace those opportunities for sharing the love of Christ?

The Bridges Option

We help local churches and Christians prepare for and respond to the challenge of providing their Muslim neighbors an opportunity to hear the Gospel

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