Grace for the Pastor’s Work

# Titus 1:9

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Text: Titus 1:9

Proposition: The pastor’s work centers around the Word.

Introduction: Review Titus

Theme = Living the Gospel by Grace

1:1-4 Grace demonstrated in Paul’s life

* Grace’s measure - 1a = very great - from persecutor to preacher
* Grace’s means - 1b = mercy - God loved us first
* Grace’s duration - 2, 3 = forever - eternity past to eternity future
* Grace’s effect - 4 = unity - a former Pharisee united with a Gentile

1:5-8 Grace demonstrated in the lives of spiritual leaders

1:9 Grace demonstrated in the work of spiritual leaders

His work centers around the Word.

Acts 6:2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.

Acts 6:4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

1. Hold Fast to the Faithful Word

Explanation: Faithful = trustworthy

* 1. The Word is trustworthy because of its Author

2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness

* 1. The Word is good for
     1. doctrine = teaches what is right
     2. reproof = teaches what is wrong
     3. correction = teaches how to make what is wrong right
     4. instruction = teaches how to stay right

That’s why we should hold firmly to it!

* It is our source of hope

Romans 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope

Application: Whatever your struggle, there is hope.

* Be sure your hope is not for relief but for righteousness.
* Be sure your hope is not for happiness but holiness
* Be sure your hope is not for your gain but for God’s glory
* It is our source of help = healthy doctrine

2 Peter 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

1. The Work of the Spiritual Leader is Described in Two Words
   1. Exhort = teach sound (healthy) doctrine

Explanation: This is how we can avoid the disaster of what we see described beginning in verse 10.

* 1. Convince = convince, correct those who oppose the Gospel

Explanation: The goal is to bring them to repentance and to warn others not to follow them.

Conclusion: The spiritual leader cannot live a godly life without grace. He cannot do his work without grace. He certainly cannot please God by his own efforts; he must have grace. The work of preaching, teaching, exhorting, correcting and convincing cannot be done without grace.