

Week 7 Handout: **RELEASING GOD'S POWER** in Prayer

HOW TO BE LIFTED OUT OF THE DEPTHS... from Paul to TITUS



****underline or circle verses/words that speak into your life**

1 This letter is from Paul, a slave of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ. I have been sent to proclaim faith to[a] those God has chosen and to teach them to know the truth that shows them how to live godly lives. **2** This truth gives them confidence that they have eternal life, which God—who does not lie—promised them before the world began. **15** Everything is pure to those whose hearts are pure. But nothing is pure to those who are corrupt and unbelieving, because their minds and consciences are corrupted. **16** Such people claim they know God, but they deny him by the way they live. They are detestable and disobedient, worthless for doing anything good.

2 As for you, Titus, promote the kind of living that reflects wholesome teaching. **2** Teach the older men to exercise self-control, to be worthy of respect, and to live wisely. They must have sound faith and be filled with love and patience. **3** Similarly, teach the older women to live in a way that honors God. They must not slander others or be heavy drinkers. Instead, they should teach others what is good. **4** These older women must train the younger women to love their husbands and their children, **5** to live wisely and be pure, to work in their homes, [b] to do good, and to be submissive to their husbands. Then they will not bring shame on the word of God. **6** In the same way, encourage the young men to live wisely. **7** And you yourself must be an example to them by doing good works of every kind. Let everything you do reflect the integrity and seriousness of your teaching. **8** Teach the truth so that your teaching can't be criticized. Then those who oppose us will be ashamed and have nothing bad to say about us.

3 Remind the believers to submit to the government and its officers. They should be obedient, always ready to do what is good. **2** They must not slander anyone and must avoid quarreling. Instead, they should be gentle and show true humility to everyone. **3** Once we, too, were foolish and disobedient. We were misled and became slaves to many lusts and pleasures. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other. **4** But—When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, **5** he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. **6** He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. **7** Because of his grace he made us right in his sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.

QUESTIONS:

1. What verse in Titus, quote, or comment spoke the most directly to your life in today's message and why?
2. What might God be doing in your life that "feels like the depths" to refine your goals or reform your character?
3. Share how/if you achieved your goal for daily Bible reading last week and how you plan to be successful this week. (To get the most out of each lesson, please read daily New Testament selections by either viewing "today's date" online at ViewpointChurch.org/oneyearbible or reading along in the Change Your Life Daily Bible) Next: Hebrews

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