

## **Making an Impact – Part 4**

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I. Titus should keep on reminding the people. (Titus 3:1-2)

A. We are all getting older and forget the things we ought to remember.

B. Most of us are resistant to change.

II. What motivates Christians? (Titus 3:3-7)

A. We are motivated by understanding our spiritual condition in the past. (Titus 3:3)

1. Our relationship to God.

a. We were foolish.

b. We were disobedient.

c. We were in the dark about our true purpose in life.

2. Our relationship to our self.

a. We were deceived.

b. We were enslaved.

3. Our relationship with others.

a. We lived in malice.

b. We lived in envy.

c. We were hated and being hated.

B. We are motivated by God's work in our life in the present (Titus 3:4-7)

1. Eternal life is a new kind of life that does not begin at the grave.

2. We are saved by grace.

3. The Holy Spirit is in the process of transforming our life to make us like Jesus Christ.

a. This takes time.

b. No amount of information of the Book absolves you from doing it.

III. Conclusion: Three symptoms of Paul's heart. (Titus 3:12-15)

A. His great concern for people. (Titus 3:12-13)

1. He is concerned for those that marked him.
2. He is concerned for those that he marked.

B. His commitment to excellence. (Titus 3:12-13)

1. It is not just the ideal.
2. It is the pursuit.
3. Excellence is the only attitude compatible for a person related to Jesus Christ.
4. It is characterized by three statements.
  - a. Do your best. (Titus 3:12)
  - b. Do every thing you can. (Titus 3:13)
  - c. See that they have everything they need. (Titus 3:13)
5. We are serving the Lord Christ. (Colossians 3:14, 23)

C. The people of God must learn. (Titus 3:14)

1. They must learn to devote themselves to doing good to provide for daily necessities.
2. They must learn to devote themselves to doing good so they don't live unproductive lives.