

★ Don't Be Foolish Any More

Maintain Good Works

Lesson 4

The Teacher's Preparation

Scripture Passages to Study: Titus 3, Acts 9; 19:11-22; 26

Study Guide: Read "Don't Be Foolish Any More: *Maintain Good Works*" from *New Testament Highlights - Part 2*.

Lesson Objective: God wants His people to be wise, not foolish. It is foolish to spend your time on things that are unprofitable and have no value. It is wise and profitable to do good works.

Lesson Application: I will be wise, not foolish, and do good works.

Memory Verse: Titus 3:8

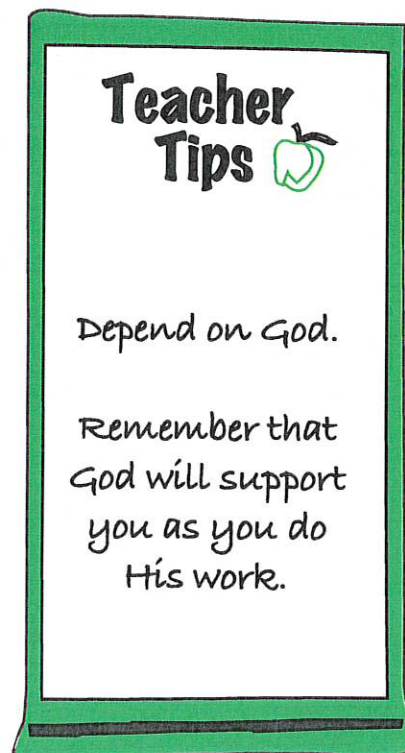


This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

—Titus 3:8

The Teacher's Checklist

- Activity Worksheets and Pencils
- Attendance and Record Notebook
- Lesson Plan
- Cue Card
- Memory Verse Card
- Music Player
- Visual Illustrations for the Lesson
- Attention Getter: Report Card



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Do you remember learning about Paul? Although he started out not living for God, he ended up serving Him for the rest of his life. Paul wrote most of the books of the New Testament under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

Paul uses the word *foolish* 20 times in the New Testament. The word *foolish* means “fool-like or lacking in sense or judgment.” Fools are people who are laughed at and made fun of. No one likes to be made fun of. The opposite of a fool is someone who is wise. In the Old Testament, the book of Proverbs talks a lot about wisdom. Proverbs tells us the difference between the foolish and the wise. A wise person is always better than a foolish person.

In this lesson, we are going to learn about what Paul wrote to Titus about foolishness. Paul told Titus that, before Christians get saved, they are foolish too. It is foolish to live your life for things here on earth that will not last forever. Paul also told Titus this:

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Don't Be Foolish About God

Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

—Romans 1:21

The book of Romans tells us about people who are foolish about their perspective of God. Some times people become so sinful, they don't care about God. They do not glorify God as they should. We need to be careful not to be prideful. We need to give God the glory for everything that He has done in our lives. The Bible says that if we don't give God glory, we are wrong.

We should give God the glory in everything we do. If you do well at school, remember that God gave you the brains to think. If you are good at sports, thank God for giving you the ability to run and move your body. If you can play a musical instrument or sing, thank the Lord for enabling you to do that. We should always give God the glory, and thank Him for His goodness to us.

Don't Be Foolish About Preaching

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

—I Corinthians 1:18

We should not be foolish about preaching. Preaching is very important. When someone preaches, that person is sharing a message from the Word of God. We should pay attention to preaching. Paul wrote that, although preaching seems foolish, God uses it to show His power. Those who are not saved do not like preaching. They think it is silly. But, as Christians, we should look forward to preaching. We should listen to find out what God is trying to convict our hearts about through preaching.

Don't Be Foolish About Unprofitable Things

A poet once wrote, *"Only one life, 'twill soon be past. Only what's done for Christ will last."* We should not spend time on things that will not last forever. We should give our lives to God and serve Him the best we can. We should not live for things of this world like sports and television. It is not wrong to enjoy activities, but we should not devote our entire lives to that which has no eternal value.

We should live for what will affect us in eternity. We should be reading our Bibles every day, winning souls, and serving God. This is what matters to God, and the results of these activities will last for eternity.

Conclusion

We need to live our lives serving God. It is foolish to think that, just because we are saved, we don't need to do anything spiritual. We need to be serving God with all our hearts. We need to glorify Him for all the things He has done for us. God has given us so much for which to be thankful. The little things we do for others can affect them in a great way without our even knowing it.

We learned that the book of Proverbs has many comparisons about foolishness and wisdom. In every example, wisdom is always better. The Bible tells us in James, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God who giveth to all men liberally." We need to ask God for wisdom so that we won't be foolish any more.