



## SUGGESTED VERSES FOR MEMORIZATION & MEDITATION

- But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. (Titus 3:9)
- As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned. (Titus 3:10-11)
- When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. (Titus 3:12-15)

### READ VERSE 9 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

1. In contrast to the profitable nature of the gospel, Paul lists four items for us to avoid: foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law. What are some examples of each? Why are they unprofitable and worthless?

### READ VERSES 10-11 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

2. Here Paul warns that after warning a division-causing person twice have nothing more to do with them. What are some characteristics of someone who stirs up divisions?
3. How do these verses relate to Matthew 18:15-17 in describing the procedures for church discipline?

### READ VERSES 12-15 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

4. Paul urges Titus to make certain that Zenas and Apollos lack nothing when they pass through Crete, which the apostle uses as an example for urging him to help urgent needs. In what ways is the love of Christ proclaimed through our helping others needs?

### ACTIONS TO CONSIDER

- Obey. Reflecting upon the subject of church discipline, let it remind us to be quick to repent, to forgive, and to resolve conflict, and in considering Paul's final call to good works, let us be prepared in all circumstances to help cases of urgent need.
- Pray. Continuously pray that for the church to focus upon the profitable gospel rather than worthless diversions and conflicts, and pray for brothers and sisters around the world to continue spreading the good news.

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### Western Meadows Small Groups

Richards / Sunday @ 6

Hearons / Sunday @ 6

Mays / Tuesday @ 6:30

Dills / Wednesday @ 7:00

Seniors / Thursday @ 11:30

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