

SUGGESTED VERSES FOR MEMORIZATION & MEDITATION

- Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. (Titus 3:1-2)
- First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. (1 Timothy 2:1-2)
- Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. (Matthew 5:5)

READ VERSES 1-2 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

1. Paul opens by urging us to be submissive to rulers and authorities (earthly leaders, particularly in governments) and to be obedient. In what ways does the Bible encourage us to be submissive to ruling authorities? Under what circumstances (if any) is disobedience permitted biblically for Christians?
2. Verse two begins by commanding us to speak evil of no one. What are a few characteristics of biblical, godly speech? Do you meet these standards?
3. Paul also exhorts us to refrain from being quarrelsome and to be gentle instead. How is a reasonable and gentle attitude a greater display of strength than being quarrelsome? How does this go against society's ideals?
4. Finally, the apostle encourages us to show perfect courtesy toward all people. How might we continue to show respect, kindness, and meekness even toward those who do appear to deserve it?

ACTIONS TO CONSIDER

- *Obey.* Since this text is simply an encouragement toward seven Christ-like actions, resolve to obey the Scriptures. These verses tell us what to do, so do it, remembering that we act in gratitude of God's grace, **not** from obligation or in attempt to earn God's favor.
- *Pray.* Ask God for grace to live more like Christ each day.

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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