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APPLIED FORMAT TITUS CHAPTER 3

**Scripture passage included then commentary underneath each verse
King James Version**

Verse (1): Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,

God commands the people to be actively in pursuit of duty pressing and to be submissive (Henry, 2008). The consideration of a man's natural life standing is a great matter before God almighty and should be ready to bear the burden (Henry, 2008).

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Notice here, it is discernible who is refraining from active pursuit of duty in this verse to be submissive and who is not. It says here in the verse, "Put them in mind..." because not everyone displays both attributes. Those who do, achieve. In cases where this does not occur, they are not ready. It does not mean discard, it says. "Put them in mind...". Work with them but be prepared to subject them.

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Verse (2): To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.

Expressing great intentions is in the best interest of society because falseness is considered to be the cause of great hostility (Henry, 2008).

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The sinful nature will prompt us into unproductive words and actions. However, the person in this verse demonstrates a higher level of personal constraint with greater intent. Refraining from societally damaging words and actions is critical to society. It is considered to be of societal best interest when weighing the sin nature, great intent surfaces.

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Verse (3): For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

As discussed in Verse (2), we have a sin nature. Apart from God, the sin nature does sin, and everyone is in this sin. This verse is a pointing towards the life apart from God, so that no one lifts themselves to a God-like status.

Step forward in life, then in Christ, humanity has obtained a sinless future, but not yet. So, in the not yet, there is a life that has to be lived. Presently, we live in a bubble. To keep us from lifting ourselves to a God-like status, God instructs us of our life apart from God. For clarity, no one moves towards God initially. Contrary, God moves towards the individual. Even though we are in Christ, because we do not always move towards God, we still do sin. But the difference is God is available for repentance, forgiveness, stepping away from the sin, and staying away from the sin so help us God. Right, and so. Now, to move towards God as God beckons us initially each day hour by hour as that always precedes our free will choice. Yes, you can move towards God in the free will choice only after God's initial beckoning but that must occur each new day. Each day, there is a surrendering of our free will towards God. Various scenarios, we know God has the innocence of life secure. In choosing God, then the understanding is provided, and we know without a doubt that we absolutely need a Savior. See, you are welcome on this Ministry Website.

Reference: Romans 3:11 (King James Version): "There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God".

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Verse 4: But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

Why adhere to this calling? Why do I go through a ministry that appears to be well beyond my reach. I have asked this question many times. I even wrestled with God. The answer is because of the kindness and love of a great God our Savior who comes towards humanity continually. It is not in my purview to save at all, but being faithful is in my purview.

God is working this ministry for His glory and has reached the populace I could never. Follow this to Verse (5).

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Verse 5: Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Coming forward then from Verse (4), here it is. Why this ministry? I wrestled with God over this very question. Not by works of righteousness. Not at all. Instead, according to God's mercy God saves.

In this ministry then, you see the remaining verse of washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost in my life. It is not about self; it is about being faithful to God who does save by mercy. See, it is in this God given mercy that God enables. The calling God provides in this process is great because it is for God's glory who is life. According to Scripture, God is great, but the creation in its pure sense is very good (Genesis 1:31) to be made great for all eternity. So, let me clarify that the calling is God's and God is great. The calling is God's. In God's mercy, there is a washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost in the person called. See the clear difference between God and mankind.

 **Reference: Psalm 145:3 (King James Version). "Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable".**

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Verse 6: Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

Come forward from Verse (4) and Verse (5). To emphasize, the calling is Gods. Now, notice, Psalm 145:3 (King James Version). “Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable”.

This ministry website was prayed for in the eternal city of Jerusalem at the Western Wall, the holiest place in the Jewish Faith, which has nothing to do with myself but has everything to do with Psalm 145:3. What has to do with me is from Verse (5), of washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost in my life. This is how I know the calling is authentic. God shed on us abundantly.

Historical facts in the public domain from the National Archives. The United States officially recognized that there is a God in the Declaration of Independence. The vote took place on July 2, 1776, and the Continental Congress approved it on July 4, 1776. Delegates began the signing process on August 2, 1776. In the United States, we honor the vote.

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Verse 7: That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

It is worthy to pinpoint that Salvation comes from God’s love and is realized in the Christ by grace to renew the individual by the Holy Spirit – Triune God (Fee & Stuart, 2002).

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Verse 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.

The previous verses are to be affirmed constantly to ensure the testimony of God is carefully attested unto to for society and self. The true child of God understands that the fight is not against the flesh, but against so much more.

Reference: Ephesians 6:12 (King James Version), “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*”.

Why this website? Recall this chapter, I admitted that I wrestled God over this website. Yet, the precise purpose is found of God in Ephesians 6:12. My Church profile demonstrates my strengths and weaknesses, and one thing I do is greatly care for those within my ministry as I attend carefully to what is contained herein. This Ministry Website offers a simple battleground against much more wickedness in high places. Albeit, I have also stated that I need strategic partnering.

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Verse 9: But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.

Here we see that anything in the law, back then some Jewish puffed-up doctors, that takes away from God’s glory or from the teaching of humanities best interest must be avoided as unprofitable (Henry, 2008). However, it is noted some conversations must be undertaken about the law to make improvements as God allows this to occur to include modifying or riding of policy (Henry, 2008).

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Verse 10: A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject;

Notice here, God provides a way to redemption. Not one but two before rejection. God allows a second go as much preferred. At that point, the free will applies when weighing whether or not a man is a heretic. God allows for learning in a fallen world that falls short of His glory.

Verse 11: Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.

Once a person stays in this state of being subverted, that means they did it to themselves and have no one to blame but themselves. As shown previously, God gives 2 go at it chances.

Verse 12: When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, be diligent to come unto me to Nicopolis: for I have determined there to winter.

In this verse there are some personal exchanges of who goes where, but the main theme is in view of doing what is right (Fee & Stuart, 2002).

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Verse 13. Bring Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that nothing be wanting unto them.

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Verse 14: And let our's also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.

As discussed previously, God allows learning to occur. Learning is useful and fruitful.

Particularly supporting ministers, who faithfully share the Word of God as helpers and must be made fruitful according to God, as well as, be determined to fight against the much more wickedness discussed in Verse 8 (Henry, 2008).

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However, this is more expansive as this is an example but not limited to. Therefore, the book of Titus also discussed the social group beyond the formal ministry.

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Verse 15: All that are with me salute thee. Greet them that love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

This is the sending off of the matters discussed in this chapter.

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