August 18, 2013 Titus 1

**What Is Good?**

1. God’s Slaves

*Paul, a servant of God…Titus my true son in our common faith.* **Titus 1:1, 4**

1. God’s Message

*A faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time.*

**Titus 1:2**

1. People Who Answer God’s Call

*The reason I left you in Crete was that you might straighten out what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you.* **Titus 1:5**

1. Loving The Good Stuff

*He must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message.* **Titus 1:8-9**

1. Knowing The Bad Stuff

*They claim to know God but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good.* **Titus 1:16**

*Faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life.*

Titus 1:2

Meditate

How would I describe the job of a slave?

What does it look like for me to be a slave to God? Be specific?

If I had to explain the message of God, how would I describe it? (Hint:Titus 1:2)

Do I love doing what is good?

When am I the least effective for the gospel of Christ?

*Lord I thank you for the faith and knowledge that rests on the hope of eternal life. If I take it seriously I know that it changes everything. Help me to love what is good and run from the sin that would take me from your presence.*

*In Jesus’ Name, Amen.*

Study

*(Weekly Readings that are related to the sermon theme)*

* **Monday Numbers 23:19-24**
* **Tuesday Hebrews 6:13-20**
* **Wednesday 1Thessalonians 3:6-13**
* **Thursday Titus 1**
* **Friday Psalm 18:25-27**
* **Saturday Titus 2**

*The word of God is living and active sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.*

**Hebrews 4:12**