

*Overview:*

- Read the Scriptures printed in this study guide.
- What keywords do you first notice? Highlight or circle them.
- What phrases catch your attention? Underline them.
- Are you excited for another Election Year?

*Explore:*

- What are some of the most controversial political issues today? The most controversial religious issues?
- What are some ways that you've seen Christians deal with these controversial issues poorly?
- Read **Titus 3:1-2**. Why do you think Paul gave such a command – especially considering how bad and corrupt their government was?
- What are ways for Christians to be involved in the political arena without losing sight of our real priorities of making disciples?
- Read **Titus 3:4-7**. Make a list of the essential truths of the Gospel contained in this passage?
- What are some of the non-essential truths that Christians often argue over? When does a theological discussion cross the line from appropriate to a “useless waste of time?”
- Read **Titus 3: 10-11**. Why is unity so important?
- Read **John 13:34-35**. In what ways is our unity a witness to the world?
- Takeaway: Write a personal action step based on this conversation.

**Titus 3:1** *NLT* - Remind the believers to submit to the government and its officers. They should be obedient, always ready to do what is good.

**Titus 3:2** - They must not slander anyone and must avoid quarreling. Instead, they should be gentle and show true humility to everyone.

**Titus 3:3** - Once we, too, were foolish and disobedient. We were misled and became slaves to many lusts and pleasures. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other.

**Titus 3:4** - But--"When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love,

**Titus 3:5** - he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.

**Titus 3:6** - He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Titus 3:7** - Because of his grace he declared us righteous and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life."

**Titus 3:8** - This is a trustworthy saying, and I want you to insist on these teachings so that all who trust in God will devote themselves to doing good. These teachings are good and beneficial for everyone.

**Titus 3:9** - Do not get involved in foolish discussions about spiritual pedigrees or in quarrels and fights about obedience to Jewish laws. These things are useless and a waste of time.

**Titus 3:10** *NLT* - If people are causing divisions among you, give a first and second warning. After that, have nothing more to do with them.

**Titus 3:11** - For people like that have turned away from the truth, and their own sins condemn them.

**John 13:34-35** - So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. 35 Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

Notes:

The Book of Titus...

**How to Talk about Politics and Religion**

**A Little Context**

**A God Response**

*Titus 3:1-11*

The Gospel Gives Us A New Priority for Life

**Politics, Authority, and The Gospel**

*Titus 3:1*

**What that doesn't mean...**

The Gospel Gives Us A New Focus on  
Essentials

**Religion, Distractions, and the Gospel**

*Titus 3:8-9*

**The MAIN Thing**

The Gospel Gives Us A New Goal of Unity

**Unity is Critical**

*Titus 3:10-11*

**Protect Unity**

*John 13:34-35*

**The New Commandment**

**The Gospel**

*Colossians 3:13*

**Keep the Gospel in the Center**

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