

# Love Acts in Discipline

Titus 3:8-11

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**Titus 3:8** The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people. 9 But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. 10 As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, 11 knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.

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1. Biblical, \_\_\_\_\_ Christianity has always taught that salvation is by grace through faith in Christ.

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2. While good works can't save us or increase God's love for us, they're \_\_\_\_\_ of our faith and love in Christ.

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3. Christians must \_\_\_\_\_ themselves to good works.

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4. The best way to \_\_\_\_\_ petty arguments is to avoid them.

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5. In biblical correction, the knowledge of the sin should be kept to the \_\_\_\_\_ group possible when dealing with it.

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6. In biblical correction, the discipline should \_\_\_\_\_ in strength until there is a godly solution.

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Additional Verses: Romans 5:1, 2 Corinthians 5:14, Jude 1:3 & Matthew 18:15-17

### Why should churches practice discipline?

1. For the restoration of the Believer who is going astray. 1 Tim. 1:20
2. To keep the sin from spreading to other Christians. 1 Cor. 5:2-7
3. To protect the honor of Christ. Rom. 2:24

### Examples of New Testament Church Discipline:

1. Divisiveness - Titus 3:10-11, Rom. 16:17
2. Incest - 1 Cor. 5:1-5
3. Laziness - 2 Thess. 3:6-10
4. Disobeying Scripture - 2 Thess. 3:14-15
5. Blasphemy - 1 Tim. 1:18-20
6. Teaching False Doctrine - 2 John 1:10-11

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What did you learn?
2. In what good work would you like to increase your devotion?
3. What is a foolish argument you have spent too much time on in the past?
4. What type of topics should be avoided? Why?
5. Talk about a time in your life when a word of correction resulted in a good change in your behavior.
6. Is it loving to cut off communication with a divisive person? Why or why not?
7. Pray for each other.

**Next Week's Message:** Titus 3:12-15