

## “Doing Good for the sake of the Gospel.”

**Text: Titus 2 for Nov 4, 2018**

According to Open Doors Ministry, Chinese government officials became so fed up with sky-high rates of crime, drug addiction, and sickness in the county of Lancan Lahu, Yunnan province, that in the mid 1990s they turned for help to the only model citizens in the area: the Christians....

By early 2002, 83 of the villagers were Christians and the prosperity had spread. The government official said, "We are delighted with the results and have been extending the tactic to many other villages since then." - The Pastors Connection (Open Doors USA e-mail, August 2002); corroborated by Kelly Callaghan, prayer and courier coordinator, Open Doors USA; Open Doors serves the persecuted church worldwide. - Submitted by Aaron Goerner, Utica, New York

That is the kind of change that Christianity should bring to people who find salvation in Jesus!

Crete was a lovely island in the Mediterranean, but its people we are told were “always liars, evil brutes, lazy gluttons (**Titus 1:12**).” Paul agreed with this observation and instructed Titus to “rebuke them sharply...” But in **Titus 2**, Paul instructs Titus to go beyond rebuking to **teaching** them how to walk out and live out the Christian life in the Spirit.

**FOCUS: Titus gives both direction and example so that various groups of Cretans can find the true path to Holy Living.**

1. Teach the \_\_\_\_\_ to Be...
2. Teach the \_\_\_\_\_ to...
3. Teach the \_\_\_\_\_ to...
  - By showing them an example of integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned – **vs. 8**
4. Teach the \_\_\_\_\_ to...
  - Be subject to their masters in everything
  - Try to please their masters
  - Not talk back
  - Not steal from their masters
  - But to show that they can be fully trusted
  - And that they make the teaching about God our Savior attractive to others so that they will seek Christ’s salvation!

Christ’s salvation is offered to all. Doctrines tell the story, but they need a holy example to make it powerful unto salvation!