

## Looking Ahead: Principles for Purposeful Living

(Titus 2:11-14)

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, <sup>12</sup> teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, <sup>13</sup> looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself [His] own special people, zealous for good works.

### 1. Accept God's Grace

*"for the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men"*

Rom 4:5 But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness,

Col 2:6-7 <sup>6</sup> As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

### 2. Learn God's Word

*"teaching us"*

Matt 28:20a teaching them...

### 3. Live God's Truth

*"denying ungodliness and worldly lusts  
we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present age"*

Matt 28:20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age. Amen.

<b>"NO"</b>	<b>DENYING UNGODLINESS and WORLDLY LUSTS</b>
<b>"YES"</b>	<b>LIVING SOBERLY, RIGHTEOUSLY, and GODLY</b>
<b>"NOW"</b>	<b>IN THIS PRESENT WORLD</b>

### 4. Expect God's Return

*"looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing  
of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ"*

1 John 2:28 And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

1 John 3:2-3 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Heb 11:24-26 By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

2 Cor 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things [done] in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

### 5. Remember God's Sacrifice

*"who gave Himself for us"*

Joh 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Rom 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

2 Cor 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin [to be] sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

### 6. Fulfill God's Plan

*"that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and  
purify for Himself [His] own special people, zealous of good works"*

SANCTIFICATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
HOLINESS

SERVICE: \_\_\_\_\_  
HELPFULNESS

1 Cor 6:19-20 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit [who is] in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Matt 5:13-16 You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all [who are] in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

1 Pet 2:9 But you [are] a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;