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Say "No"

That hasn't been one of your favorite words. What's that? **You have never liked hearing or having to say the word "no".** What do you mean by that? **No, places limits or boundaries on your thoughts, words, and deeds. "Yes" or "no" either denies or gives you permission to think, say or do something. How you respond to the words "yes" or "no" will determine if you will follow and obey me.** I get it. There have been plenty of times I have known that "no" was the appropriate response to worldly enticements and ungodly living. You have wanted me to say "no" when I ended up saying "yes". In those cases, I was not obeying you. I was not doing what was pleasing to you. I was living to please myself and fulfill ungodly pleasures and worldly desires. **That's right.** I'm sorry about that. I ask for your forgiveness. **You are forgiven.** I want to follow and obey you. I want to live my life with and for you. In every way and on every day, I want to do what is pleasing to you. **That is very good.**

I have a question. **Go ahead, I'm listening.** How will your grace teach me to say "no" to ungodliness and worldliness passions? There have been many times when I wanted to say "no" to ungodliness and worldly passions. I was weak and gave into to them. I said "yes" to ungodliness and worldly passion when I wanted to say "no" to them. It was like there was a "yes" and "no war raging in my heart and mind that I lost by saying "yes". **You have learned an important lesson.** What's that? **You have learned where the battle is being fought. The battleground is in your heart and mind. My grace will change your heart and transform mind. I will give you brand new desires to feel and thoughts to think.** How will you do that? **My word will change your heart and transform your mind. My word is the tool that my grace will use to teach you to say "no" to ungodliness and worldly passions. But, you must meet with me in my classroom.** Where is your classroom? When does my class with you meet? **My classroom is my word. Your class meets when you come to meet with me in my word. As you let my word dwell in you richly your heart will be changed and your mind will be transformed. Will you meet with me? Will you allow my grace to use my word to change your heart and transform your mind?** Yes, Lord, I will. **Then you will be able to say "no" to ungodliness and worldly passions.**

Lord, teach me to say "no" to ungodliness and worldly passions. Use your word to change my heart and transform my mind so I will be able to live a godly life in an ungodly world. Help to me to passionately serve you as I eagerly watch and wait for your return. Amen

Teach*Teaches Us*

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NIV

Titus 2:11-14

Teach*Instructed To*

For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God, while we look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be revealed. He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds.

NLT

Titus 2:11-14

Teach*Training Us*

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

NRSV

Titus 2:11-14

Teach*Trained Us*

For the grace of God (His unmerited favor and blessing) has come forward (appeared) for the deliverance from sin and the eternal salvation for all mankind. It has trained us to reject and renounce all ungodliness (irreligion) and worldly (passionate) desires, to live discreet (temperate, self-controlled), upright, devout (spiritually whole) lives in this present world, Awaiting and looking for the [fulfillment, the realization of our] blessed hope, even the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One), Who gave Himself on our behalf that He might redeem us (purchase our freedom) from all iniquity and purify for Himself a people [to be peculiarly His own, people who are] eager and enthusiastic about [living a life that is good and filled with] beneficial deeds.

AMP

Titus 2:11-14

Teach*Instructing Us*

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

NASB

Titus 2:11-14

Teach*Training Us*

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

ESV

Titus 2:11-14

Teach*Teaching Us*

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 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.

NKJV

Titus 2:11-14

Teach*Shown How*

God's readiness to give and forgive is now public. Salvation's available for everyone! We're being shown how to turn our backs on a godless, indulgent life, and how to take on a God-filled, God-honoring life. This new life is starting right now, and is whetting our appetites for the glorious day when our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, appears. He offered himself as a sacrifice to free us from a dark, rebellious life into this good, pure life, making us a people he can be proud of, energetic in goodness.

MSG

Titus 2:11-14

Teach*Wants Us*

For the free gift of eternal salvation is now being offered to everyone; and along with this gift comes the realization that God wants us to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures and to live good, God-fearing lives day after day, looking forward to that wonderful time we've been expecting, when his glory shall be seen—the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. He died under God's judgment against our sins so that he could rescue us from constant falling into sin and make us his very own people, with cleansed hearts and real enthusiasm for doing kind things for others.

TLB

Titus 2:11-14

Teach*Teaches Us*

That is the way we should live, because God's grace that can save everyone has come. It teaches us not to live against God nor to do the evil things the world wants to do. Instead, that grace teaches us to live now in a wise and right way and in a way that shows we serve God. We should live like that while we wait for our great hope and the coming of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. He gave himself for us so he might pay the price to free us from all evil and to make us pure people who belong only to him—people who are always wanting to do good deeds.

NCV

Titus 2:11-14

Teaches Us

Year ____ Week ____ Day ____ Date ____

Teach – Titus 2:11-14

In Context: *Read Titus 2*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How did the grace of God rescue from living a life without Him now and forever?

How has the grace of God changed the entire course of your daily life?

When has it been especially difficult for you to say "no" to ungodliness and worldly passions?

How has the grace of God made you able to say "no" to ungodliness and worldly passions?

How the Lord used his word to strengthened you so that you can live a godly life in an ungodly world?

What good deeds has the Lord given you an eagerness to do for Him?

How is eagerly watching and waiting for the Lord’s return motivating your passionate desire to serve Him?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Expectantly watch and wait for the Lord’s return as you passionately live your life for Him.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the grace of God will teach you to say "no" to ungodliness and worldly passions.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group what good deeds you are eagerly doing for God.

Close With Prayer: ***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you allow the grace of God to teach you to say "no" to ungodliness and worldly passions.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will allow your grace to teach me to say "no" to ungodliness and worldly passions.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, what ungodliness and worldly passions will I need to say "no" to today?
