

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. Titus 2:11-14 (ESV)

Train Me

Here I am. I have renounced my old life in the world. I have left behind worldly passions that once dominated my life. I am now living the life of salvation that you have secured for me. It is my eager desire that you train me to live a godly life. I want to live a life that is pleasing to you. I want you to purify my thoughts and words and actions so that they are acceptable to you. Make me eager to always do what is good. **Is that your prayer? Is that your utmost desire? Is this truly the work you want me to do in you? Do you really want me to train you?** Yes, this is my prayer and utmost desire. This is the work I want you to do in me. Yes, I really want you to train me. But there is something of which I am supremely confident. **What is that?** You have already begun this work in me. This work started in me, long ago, on the day I turned my life over to you. Once you became my Savior and Lord nothing about my life has remained the same. You have been molding and shaping me. You have been changing my heart. You have been transforming my mind. You have been guiding my life. It is you that has given me this eager desire to live out the life of salvation you have given me to live. So, my prayer and desire and eagerness are in alignment with your will. I want what you want for me. Of that, I have no doubt. You want to do this work in me. I want you to do this work in me. I welcome you to do this work in me. Continue to train me. **Yes, I will train you. Yes, I have been training you. Yes, I will continue to train you. You are correct, long ago, I began this work in you. My work in you will continue until the day we meet face to face.** For that I am grateful. For that you have all my thanks and praise. Knowing that you are working in me has filled me with hope and peace and joy. **That is very good.**

There are two things I want you to do as I train you. What is that? **Keep my word every before you. Keep on hearing and doing my word. Keep on putting my word into practice.** That I will do, what else? **Live day by day, moment by moment, with the eager expectation that one day very soon we will meet face to face. That knowledge will fan the flame of your eagerness to live your life fully for me.** These two things I will do. **That will be very good.** Thank you Lord, that you have been, are now, and will continue to train me.

Lord, I have renounced my old life in the world for the new life I have in you. Train me in godliness so I can live the new life of salvation I have in you. Help me to say no to ungodliness. Train me to always think and say and do what is pleasing to you. Amen

The Virtuous Life*Teaches Us*

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope--the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

NIV

Titus 2:11-14

The Virtuous Life*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

The Virtuous Life*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

The Virtuous Life*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

The Virtuous Life*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

The Virtuous Life*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

The Virtuous Life*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

The Virtuous Life*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

The Virtuous Life*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

The Virtuous Life*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

Training Us

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

The Virtuous Life – Titus 2:11-14

In Context: *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?)***

Lord, I have renounced my old life in the world for the new life I have in you. Train me in godliness so I can live the new life of salvation I have in you. Help me to say no to ungodliness. Train me to always think and say and do what is pleasing to you. Amen

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

When have you found it most tempting to say yes to ungodliness?

How have you renounced your old life in the world for your new life in Christ?

How are you removing yourself from situations that may tempt you to do something ungodly?

Why will you always be very glad that the grace of God helped you have said no to ungodliness?

How is anxiously and expectantly awaiting Christ's return giving you the desire to live a godly life?

How has God, by His grace, used His word to train you to say no to ungodliness?

How has the grace of God caused an eagerness to do what is godly to grow strong in you?

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

Allow the grace of God to train you to say no to ungodliness.

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

Have faith that the grace of God will train you to say no to ungodliness.

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

Share with another person or your small group how the grace of God has been training you to say no to ungodliness.

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 train you to say no to ungodliness.

Prayer To Carry

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

Lord, I will allow your grace to train me to say no to ungodliness.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how wil your grace train me to say no to ungodliness today?
