

Titus (Week 27)

Tit 2:9-11 We saw what Paul commanded in this situation, the mandate. We also noted what their behavior could easily be in that situation... Doing the exact opposite:

Worldly behavior OR mentality	What Paul commanded
Being disobedient and rebellious	Subject themselves in everything.
Being displeasing, unpleasant, disagreeable, offensive.	Be well-pleasing.
Being quarrelsome, pugnacious, antagonistic.	Not argumentative.
Pilfering, stealing, or looting.	Not pilfering.
Not being faithful, trustworthy or respectful to their masters, or not reflecting their faith and Godliness in their servitude.	Showing all good faith, trustworthy.

Every believer now has a new Master

- We have been bought with a price from the old slave-master, Sin.
Rom 6:20-22, 1Co 6:20
- Even though we are enslaved to God, we are free: *Joh 8:31-36*

So, our new Master has become our **new Father**, a loving heavenly Father.

- Believers are therefore not merely slaves to God, but **children**. *Gal 4:1-7, Act 26:14-18, Eph 1:10-14, Col 1:10-12, 1Pe 1:3-4*
- His **fatherly love and adoption** was bestowed upon us: *1Jn 3:1a*
- He declares us to be Children: *2Co 6:18*
- Unlike an earthly slave master's discipline and scourging, for their own benefit, our Father, out of love, disciplines us for our good and benefit, and we should not reject it or be angry about it... *Heb 12:6-10*
- He is a giving Father: *Mat 7:9-11*
- We did not earn or deserve this love: *Psa 103:9-13*
- He is a protecting Father: *Deu 1:30-31*
- We are precious to Him, and he provides for us: *Mat 6:26, Mat 10:29-31*
- And, it is by faith that we are children of God, born of Him: *Joh 1:12-13*

Tit 2:9-11 Example: At your job, towards your boss, do you:

- Subject yourself in everything
- Well-pleasing
- Not argumentative
- Not pilfering [I hope you're not!]
- Trustworthy

This is how we can adorn the doctrine of God our savior, in our lives now.

Why "pilfering"? Phm 1:1-24

Onesimus was Philemon's slave who possibly **stole** from Philemon and then ran away. This type of behavior could be grounds for **execution**, or if captured and returned to his master, could be **branded with a red-hot iron** on his forehead with the letter "F" for fugitive, as per **Roman custom**. Onesimus returns home to Philemon after running away with a letter from Paul, urging Philemon to receive him **not as a slave**, but as a **beloved brother** in Christ, therefore transforming their relationship and illustrating Christian **forgiveness and reconciliation**, instead of **severe punishment**.

So, Paul tells Bondselves a mandate through Titus. Is this the only mention he makes about this in His epistles? *Eph 6:5-9, Gal 3:28-29, Col 3:22-25, 1Pe 2:18-19*

Again, being treated unfairly or suffering unjustly under an unreasonable master (or employer) glorifies God and finds favor with Him. He knows what you go through. Know it's never for nothing, or without reason.