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### **The Crucified Life: It Begins With Humility**

**Titus 1:12** - *Even one of their own men, a prophet from Crete, has said about them, “The people of Crete are all liars, cruel animals, and lazy gluttons.”*

**By Having A New Nature, We Can Say, “No” To The Lifestyles Of This World.**

**Titus 3:3-7** - *Once we, too, were foolish and disobedient. We were misled and became slaves to many lusts and pleasures. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other. <sup>4</sup> But—When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. <sup>6</sup> He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. <sup>7</sup> Because of his grace he made us right in his sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.*

**Never Forget The Transformation That God Has Done In Your Life.**

**1 Corinthians 6:9-11** - *Don’t you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don’t fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, <sup>10</sup> or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup> some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.*

**Ephesians 4:17-24** - *...Live no longer as the Gentiles do, for they are hopelessly confused. <sup>18</sup> Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him. <sup>19</sup> They have no sense of shame. They live for lustful pleasure and eagerly practice every kind of impurity. <sup>20</sup> But that isn’t what you learned about Christ. <sup>21</sup> Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, <sup>22</sup> throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. <sup>23</sup> Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. <sup>24</sup> Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.*

- **Remind Them That Christ Came To Earth To Bring Salvation, The Holy Spirit, And Mercy And Grace.**

- **Remind Them That He Took Those Unable To Save Themselves And Made Them Into A People Who Were “*Confident About Eternal Life*”.**

**The Influence Of Our Lives Should Reflect The Confidence Of Our Heavenly Future**

**We Ought To Serve Others With Humility And Gratitude**

**2 Peter 2:19** - *...For you are a slave to whatever controls you.*

- 1. We Were Once Foolish And Disobedient.**
- 2. We Couldn't Save Ourselves.**
- 3. Our Hope And Message Is In God's Grace Alone.**

**Romans 3:23-24** - *For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. <sup>24</sup> Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.*

**Ephesians 2:8-9** - *God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. <sup>9</sup> Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.*

**God's Mercy Toward Us Is The Greatest Reason For Us To Be Merciful To Others**