GENESIS TO REVELATION | LETTER LESSON

Mercy That Leads to Kind Actions

Titus 3:1-8



YOUR BIBLE READING

God's saving mercy leads toward gentle, practical goodness rather than pride.

Inside: two extended reading pages, a thoughtful reflection, creative activities and a grown-up guide.

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Gentleness in a Shared Life

Titus 3:1-8



Titus is a letter giving guidance for the life of a believing community. This passage begins with reminders about conduct toward rulers, authorities, and other people. The readers were to be ready for good work rather than looking for needless conflict. Their public life mattered. Faith was not to remain a private claim while their ordinary behavior toward neighbors became careless, harsh, or contemptuous.

Paul urged them not to slander anyone or be quarrelsome. They were to be gentle and show consideration toward everyone. Slander means speaking falsely or harmfully about a person. Gentleness does not mean that wrongdoing must never be named; it concerns the way people speak and act. A disagreement can be handled truthfully without turning another person's dignity into something to trample in order to win the argument.

The letter reminds the readers that they too had once been foolish, disobedient, deceived, and caught in harmful desires. Envy and hatred had shaped their relationships. This remembrance was not an invitation to compete over whose past was worst. It challenged the easy attitude that other people needed mercy while they themselves had never needed it. The lesson placed humility beneath the call to treat neighbors with care.

Then the passage turns toward the kindness of God the Savior and his love for people. The community's new direction began with God's mercy, not with a record that made its members superior to everyone else. That is the important connection in this letter lesson. A person remembering mercy received has a reason to resist contempt, speak more gently, and see another life as more than its mistakes and failures.

Remember: Kindness received can become kindness practiced.

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Good Actions as a Response to Mercy

Titus 3:1-8



Paul explains that God saved them through mercy, not because of righteous deeds they had accomplished by themselves. He speaks of the washing of new birth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, poured out richly through Jesus Christ the Savior. These are words about God giving a new beginning. The passage does not describe a cleaning task someone performed to purchase forgiveness or make their own life worthy of being loved.

Being made right by God's grace brings the hope of eternal life. Grace is God's generous gift, not a prize placed beyond reach until a person has outperformed the whole community. The readers are described as heirs, people receiving what is promised. That hope belongs with the memory of mercy. It helps explain why the good actions that follow are a response to God's kindness rather than the price charged for it.

Paul wanted Titus to insist on these things so that those who believed God would give careful attention to doing good. Such actions were useful and beneficial to people. The letter therefore does not set mercy against practical responsibility. Receiving grace was to shape a different way of living: readiness to help, gentleness in speech, humility about one's own past, and care expressed in actions that actually meet a person's need.

Consider an ordinary example, separate from the letter's original setting. Someone welcomed after making a mistake may become more willing to welcome another learner. They can still name what went wrong and make repairs, but they need not keep using failure as a reason for contempt. The passage gives that response a deeper foundation in God's mercy: kindness received is meant to become kindness practiced, with real benefit for other people.

Pause and think: What useful action could show kindness after you remember a time someone was patient with you?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Let Mercy Change the Next Action



When you disagree with someone, notice the difference between describing an action and attacking a person. You might explain that a turn was missed or a promise was broken without giving a cruel nickname. If the situation is difficult, ask a trusted adult to help. Gentle speech can still be clear about what happened and what needs to change.

You do not have to earn care by being perfect. Children need protection, food, rest, and guidance while they learn. This passage starts from mercy rather than a boast about achievement. Remembering the help you receive can make it easier to offer patience to someone else, while still allowing fair consequences and suitable boundaries when an action causes harm.

The letter values actions that benefit people. Before offering help, ask what would actually be useful. An adult might guide you to return supplies, make space, or listen for a moment. A small suitable action can show that kindness is more than a pleasant word. You can choose one helpful response without imagining that you must fix every problem or act beyond your abilities.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

God's mercy calls believers toward humble words, gentle conduct, and actions that benefit others.

What useful action could show kindness after you remember a time someone was patient with you?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. What is the source of the saving kindness described here?

2. What kind of conduct does the letter encourage?

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ It recalls God's mercy and the Spirit's renewal.
- ☐ Believers are urged to practice actions that benefit others.
- ☐ The letter calls for gentleness and readiness to do good.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw kind words leading to one practical action that helps a neighbor.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

Kindness received can become kindness practiced.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: Titus 3:4-8

A thoughtful conversation

Present this as instruction in a letter, not an invented incident from Titus's life. Respect for authorities never requires a child to obey an abusive or unsafe demand. Distinguish grace from payment earned by good deeds, while retaining the passage's clear call to beneficial action. Explain new birth and renewal simply without imposing a required emotional experience.

Activity answers

1. God's mercy and grace through Jesus Christ, not a record of achievements.
2. Gentle, humble words and good actions that benefit people.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 2, 3, 1. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

God, help us remember your mercy and practice gentle, useful care for others. Amen.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

Sources and sharing

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