

The Motivation for Distinction

(Recap – Titus 1:1-16 & Titus 2:1-14)

1. The church in Crete had a distinction problem. Which of the following issues is more difficult for the church to navigate in your context and why?
 - a. Not being distinctive
 - b. Distinctive for the wrong reasons

2. Paul provides Titus with directions to give demographics of the church to maximise healthy distinction. Which of the following do you need to work on the most?
 - a. Be Clear
 - b. Be Consistent
 - c. Be Compelling

Grace is our Motivation for Distinction

(Titus 3:1-8)

3. What drives you to be distinctive, to stand out as a Christian? What are some unhealthy motivations that you can identify?
4. In Titus 3:1-4, Paul speaks out of his own story of brokenness, reminding us to be humble even as we seek distinction.
 - a. Who were you before meeting Jesus?
 - b. What kind of person do you think you would be without him?

Grace (Relationship)

5. What does “grace” mean to you? How has it transformed your life?
6. Grace is something that we can easily (and sometimes subconsciously) distort. There are two illustrations given – which are you more at risk of yielding to?
 - a. Unlimited Refills – cheapening grace to the point of exploitation
 - b. The Can Machine – grace is earned rather than received as gift

Good (Responsibility)

7. Even as Paul ensures our motivation for distinction is healthy, he expects that “good” will flow out of this grace. In your pursuit of expressing “what is good” which advice do you need the most right now:
 - a. Be ready (v1)
 - b. Be careful (v8)
 - c. Be devoted (v14)

Action Step: What can you do this week to ensure that relationship is prioritised over responsibility?