

7 times: call to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ -control is really \_\_\_\_\_ -control

“God gives what he \_\_\_\_\_” thru the Spirit’s work of \_\_\_\_\_ and renewal

- I. New \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. Regeneration starts you in a brand-new \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. You are now part of the Age to Come, Age of the Spirit
- II. New \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. Lover of \_\_\_\_\_ 1:8  
\_\_\_\_\_ leads to \_\_\_\_\_ throughout your entire life
  - B. Expect \_\_\_\_\_!
- III. New \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_ from world’s thinking, attractions and \_\_\_\_\_ your desire for your new life, new destiny
  - B. Scripture and Sabbath

Application:

Older women and younger women: 2:3-5

Be ready for every good work: 3:1-3

Oh, merciful Father, regard not what we have done against you, but what our Blessed Savior has done for us. Oh, that Christ may be to us *wisdom from God, our righteousness, sanctification and redemption!*

May his precious blood cleanse us from all our sins; may your Holy Spirit renew and sanctify our souls. Grant us grace to crucify our flesh with its unruly passions. Let not sin reign in our mortal bodies, that we would obey its lusts. Let us live as those set free by the Spirit, and as servants of righteousness.  
*modified from John Wesley*

**Monday Titus 3:4-11**

What gospel benefits does the Spirit give that set you free for good works (vs 5-7)? With what positive desires do you resist the deceptions of the flesh? How do the disciplines of Scripture and Sabbath train your heart and mind for your new home? Use the above prayer this week.

**Tuesday Titus 3:1-10**

What attitudes of beliefs feed the impulse to speak evil of others, to quarrel and to be harsh? How does the Spirit produce gentleness and *perfect courtesy*? How does v 3 (note *for*) strip you of the pride that kills courtesy?

**Wednesday Titus 2:1-5**

Older women, what has the Spirit given you, or worked in you, that younger women need? What voices does a younger women hear that undermines her love for and submission to husband? To whom may the Spirit be leading you to disciple, or be discipled?

**Thursday Psalm 107**

Give thanks to the Father for tenderness greater than you will even know this side of heaven. Give thanks for Jesus and all his benefits: his forgiveness and redemption that exceeds your sin and your guilt. Give thanks to the Holy Spirit for the washing of regeneration and renewal.

**Friday Titus 3:8-9** (see also *self-control* in 1:8; 2:2; 5, 6, 12)

What are differences between our well-intentioned practice of self-dependent self-control and Spirit-control? How does it help to know who you are and where you’re headed? Listen to the Spirit as he shows you both the beauty of holiness and the ugliness of your flesh going mad.

**Saturday Psalm 131**

Prepare for worship by calming your heart in the Lord’s mother-like care for his children.