

“That’s not nice!”

"Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses."

Proverbs 27:6

"As with personal families, the desire for a quick fix throughout the greater American family evidences a search for certainty, a penchant for easy answers, an avoidance of the struggles that go into growth, and an unwillingness to accept the short-term acute pain that one must experience in order to reduce chronic anxiety."

Friedman, Edwin H.

A Failure of Nerve: Leadership in the Age of the Quick Fix

Titus could not afford to have a failure of nerve.

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Titus 3:1-2

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Titus 3:10-11

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At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.

Titus 3:3

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

Titus 3:4-8

1. Eliminates pride: pride makes us stupid

2. Eliminates insecurity: insecurity makes us foolish

But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless.

Titus 3:9

Truth is essential

Biblical ethics are essential

But we must not detract from God's will and ways  
by our own approach to them

*Seek to win people, not arguments.*

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Titus 3:10



Without truth applied in relationships...love cannot flourish in them.

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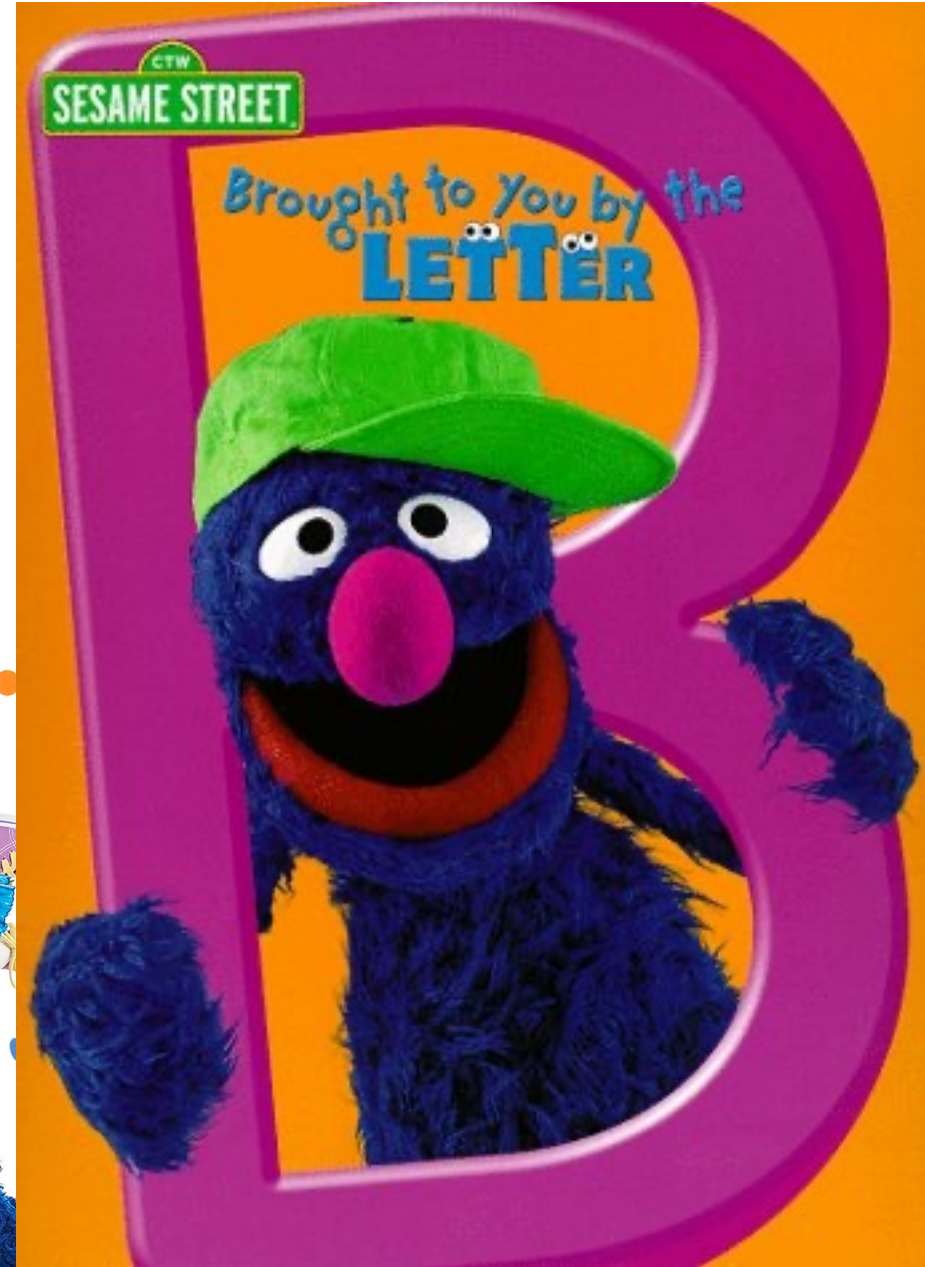
Titus 3:11

As soon as I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, because I have decided to winter there. Do everything you can to help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way and see that they have everything they need. Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good, in order that they may provide for daily necessities and not live unproductive lives. Everyone with me sends you greetings. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all.

Titus 3:12-15

Local church health

Global Church impact



**-Balance-**

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Titus 3:5-7