GOOD NEWS FOR MEN Savoring and Sharing the Word of Christ

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There is "another factor that is perhaps more problematical than any of the others which tend to rob us of the joy of the Lord, and that is what we may well describe as the tyranny of circumstances, or the things that happen to us" (D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, Spiritual Depressions, p. 261).

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Obedient <u>responses</u> to gospel instruction equip us as evangelists and give us opportunities for gospel witness.

Titus 2:11–14

Major Point: When we respond <u>obediently</u> to the instruction of God's gospel grace, God will give us gospel witness opportunities.

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- 2. Truth #2: God's saving grace daily <u>disciplines</u> us (2:12).
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Principles: from 4 significant "<u>so that</u>" statements in Titus 2:4,5,8, and 10:

 2:3–4, God will provide opportunities for gospel witness by <u>encouragement</u> within relationships.

2. 2:5, By loving and serving our family we can have gospel witness by reflecting <u>honor</u> on God's words.

3. 2:6–8, By serving in our relationships as a good example in every way we can have gospel witness by removing opportunity for true <u>criticism</u>. 4. 2:9–10, Even in the most restrictive and limiting of circumstances we can be a gospel witness by adorning the truth with a remarkable life.

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