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 - a. What exactly does eager mean?
 - b. Are most people naturally eager to do good works?
 - c. How can we change natural inclinations?
- II. Go back to verse 12. Notice the emphasis on teaching in <u>Titus 2:1-3,</u> <u>7,9,15.</u>
 - a. Why do people need to be taught to say "no" to ungodliness and worldliness?
 - i. Don't they naturally do that?
 - b. How can we better teach Christians to live self controlled and godly (God Centered) lives?
 - c. According to <u>Titus 3:14</u>, what do Christians need to learn to do?
 i. Any example in our own lives today?
- III. Salvation is God's good work <u>for us</u> through Christ. Sanctification is God's good work through Christ <u>in us</u>.
 - a. What kind of things is God seeking to change, develop and grow within our hearts and minds?
 - i. Note <u>Titus 2:1-6:</u> Suggest ways that god develops our character (sanctifies us).
 - ii. How can we as a church better promote this growth process in people's lives?
 - iii. How is God presently working in your heart? Be specific.

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