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Lawless Deeds/Approved Deeds

In Titus 2:14, what does iniquity mean? Lawlessness, lawless action, unlawful deeds. He purifies us from lawless deeds so we would be zealous for good deeds. It contrasts two types of deeds.

The word iniquity there means lawless deeds or unapproved action — not approved, not done by faith (Rom 14:22,23). Have you ever done something that was unapproved, that you did not do by faith, that you were not hearing our Father saying to do, that you didn't have a good conscience about doing when you did it? That is the 'wickedness' that Titus 2:14 is talking about.

This contrast between good deeds and lawless deeds is the same contrast as between the wise and foolish in Dan 12:10. There is a purification going on in the wise, but no purification is going on in the wicked because they are doing things in their own initiative. These wise/foolish people are in the same Body, not in the world. Both are in the community. There are the wise and the foolish. He purifies the wise but not the foolish. This word 'foolish' means the same thing as wicked. When they translate it, it comes out to 'iniquity', but actually it means lawlessness, unapproved action that shows you have a wicked heart that is not malleable, not changeable, cannot be worked with. So what is he going to purify us from? lawless deeds. Dan 12:10 and Titus 2:14 is the same purification. Do you remember doing any lawless deeds lately? (Mt 7:21-23) You have to do His will not your own will; we don't live for ourselves anymore. Why wouldn't our Master let that man (Mt 7:21-23) come into the kingdom if he did so many good things? Because he did things without our Master — lawlessly. We are in a Body. We do not do lawless actions; we don't go somewhere and do our own things (lawless action). Have you ever done something that was not approved by your own conscience, the law of God in your heart?

Rom 14:22,23 — You are condemned if you don't eat from faith. So we have to have faith in everything we do. Faith is hearing from God our Father, however He speaks. And whatever is done apart from that is iniquity. Everything not done from faith is sin. We need to grasp hold of that. Then we will be zealous for good deeds and we will know when we are doing an evil deed. If we do evil deeds we are not going to be welcome in the kingdom. In that day, He will say to us, "Depart from Me because you did deeds in your own initiative, not My initiative." Titus 2:14; Rom 14:22,23; Dan 12:10 — Get those verses together so that we can be saved. That is what we are doing here. Our Master wants us to be saved for His kingdom (Rev 3:4,5).

"Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves." If he doesn't condemn himself by what he approves, it means his approval comes from the Spirit, from the law of God in his heart — it is lawful action, approved.

But it is so easy to just be here and drift. You know what drifting is? It is not seeking your Master anymore (Heb 2:1-3). Even though you didn't leave, you are just drifting away — doing it in your own strength and not (1 Pet 4:11) in the strength and grace that He provides. That is how the first church drifted away — into their own strength, their own power. Thus the community was transferred over into that strength, and then people who came in were all living only by their own strength, their own authority. They had a form of godliness, but they did not have the power to actually (1 Tim 3:5) do His will, for they were doing it in their own strength. But our Master said (Jn 15:5) that without Him we can do nothing. That keeps us from doing lawless deeds. If you have done something without YAHSHUA, you have done lawless deeds. The flesh profits nothing to build up the Body — it is useless, dead works (Heb 6:1). Dead works do not accomplish anything — they are not our Father's will. Even though you might have cast out demons, it did not accomplish the will of our Father (and seven came back anyway). Dan 12:10.

We want to hear our Master say, "Welcome my good and faithful servant, because you did everything by my strength that I provided for you. You let Me live through you."

Are you dead to God, or alive? 1 Jn 1:6 — Anyone who says he is in fellowship but is not and so everything he does is in his own strength and initiative, is a liar. He says, "You can trust me. I'm walking in the light, I'm not a hidden reef. I'm not a cloud without rain." A cloud without rain promises the nourishment and growth of the rain but instead it passes on by — just another cloud without rain. Are you a cloud without rain?

Nahaliel — If you did it in His name, it means he authorized you to do it. Many of us do good deeds, but not by the voice you hear in your heart. We have His Spirit, everything we do has to be by his initiative, because He sent us. This is the prophet we have in our heart now. He is the head. Our brothers tell us what He is sending us to do. If we continue to do lawless deeds, He'll send us away from the kingdom. He'll say, "I don't know you. You spent the whole time in the Body doing what you wanted to do."

[Lawful deeds are coordinated with the head. When we all exercise together after the sacrifice, Elad, our Israelite guest, does a totally different kind of exercises. It is uncoordinated from the head because he doesn't have a king — so he just does what is right in his own eyes.]

David Derush — Rom 14:23 is something to bring fear to us. Our judgment in this is our own conviction before God.

Yaqar — I saw that we need to work with vision and faith otherwise it is lawless work done in the flesh. Every little bit of spiritual food that we get is helping us to grow. We can't receive all of our spiritual food all at once, but each little bit at a time. Yoneq told us once that in America in the beginning it was really difficult. In the beginning it was difficult for the people to grow, but here we are growing really fast because we are receiving what they received and we will be responsible to pass it on to our brothers who are going to come after us. We are being renewed to be spiritual people. We have to be spiritual people. We have to guard the land our Father gave to us. Through the example of those brothers who went before us, we are going to take this land that our Father promised to Abraham.