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An aerial photograph of a rural landscape. The foreground and middle ground consist of vibrant green, rolling hills with visible tire tracks. A large, brown, plowed field stretches across the upper portion of the image. A line of trees and a road are visible in the lower-left quadrant.

Titus 2:11-14



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- It appears that in our society today the idea of liberty has been in many ways replaced by the idea of license.
- The following are a few quotes to help us understand that liberty must always be accompanied with responsibility:



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- *“Liberty is maintained by responsible freedom”*- Roger W. Hancock
- *“Liberty means responsibility. That is why men most men dread it.”*- George Bernard Shaw
- *“Freedom and duty always go hand in hand and if the free do not accept the duty of social responsibility, they will not long remain free.”*  
-Author unknown.



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- Similarly in religion, it is important for us to understand the relationship between grace and responsibility.
- Grace is not a license to live in sin; it is the liberty to live in Christ.
- Our text teaches us so much about the role of grace in our lives.



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- *The grace of God is.....*

## INSTRUCTIVE

- Trains us about what is upright and what is ungodly.
- Trains us about how to live in this present age.



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## INHIBITING

- God's grace does not allow us to live improperly or accept all behaviors.
- We renounce ungodliness.
- We practice self-control.



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**INSPIRING**

- **Inspired...**
  - **By the Glory of our great God**
  - **With the Gift of redemption in Christ**
  - **To perform Good Works**