

## TITUS 2 REDEEMED

### TEACH SOUND DOCTRINE

**Titus 2:1** But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine:

- What is this contrast that the Apostle Paul is making to Titus? We have to look back in **CH 1:10** For there are many insubordinate, both idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, **11** whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole households, teaching things which they ought not, for the sake of dishonest gain.
  - Titus was being asked to correct the silly-story-telling ministers of his day on the island of Crete.
    - THEY were teaching rules, rituals, and experiences.
- Titus was to teach doctrine, and SOUND doctrine too.
  - Titus was to teach about sin and repentance. Soteriology, Pneumatology, Theology, Christology, and Eschatology, and grace.
    - Stay away from strange and teach doctrine! **WHY?...**

2 that the older men be sober, (**Watching over the others...**)

reverent, **Honorable.**

temperate, **Self-controlled in mind... Not excessive...Not obsessive either...**

sound in faith, **Safe & sound in moral conviction**

in love, **Providers of benevolence**

in patience; **Cheerful and hopeful.**

- **CCSV Old Guys...** These six traits should describe **us** too.
- We should be spiritually watching over this church... behaving honorably... Being self-controlled... Safe morally... Helping others out as we can... And having a sincere smile on our face as we do all of these things...
- When someone comes to us for counsel, we should open our Bible; or our Bible apps and read the word to them...

### SENIOR SISTERS

3 the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, (**Holy**) not slanderers, (**Suspicious**) not given (**Addicted**) to much wine, teachers of good

things— **WHAT THINGS?** 4 that they admonish the young women to love (**befriend**) their husbands, to love (**Nurture**) their children,  
 5 to be discreet, (**Moderate**) chaste, (**Innocent**) homemakers, good, obedient (**Faithful**) to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed. (**Evil spoken of**)

- **CEV – Then no one can say insulting things about God’s message.**
- **From My Big Fat Greek Wedding –** The man is the head of the house... BUT... The woman is the neck that turns the head!

## THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS

6 Likewise, exhort the young men to be sober-minded,

## TUTORING TITUS

7 in all things showing **yourself** to be a pattern of good works;

- One of the sobering things about being in Church Leadership is your pattern of behavior... IE, People are learning from watching us.
  - A few years ago, the Youth Group washed my car during the service... They removed scratches, detailed it, waxed it, treated the tires... Then they hid around the corner and waited to see my reaction to the new looking truck...
    - I walked out... Unlocked the door... Got in and drove off without even noticing. THEY WERE SO UPSET!
      - Moral of the story – Somebody is ALWAYS watching!

## BE AN EXAMPLE...

in doctrine *showing* integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, 8 sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.

- Chuck Smith says that accomplishing this 100% is impossible. No matter how careful and serious you are – there are some people who almost feel “called” to be your critic. Be careful with criticism...
- “The Sting of a Reproach, is the Truth of it.” **Benjamin Franklin**
- **Proverbs 15:31** If you listen to constructive criticism, you will be at home among the wise.

- SO... Paul has dealt with The Pastor... The older guys... The older Women... The younger guys, and the younger women. NOW... He will deal with employee relations.

## EXHORTING EMPLOYEES

9 Exhort bondservants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all *things*, not answering back,

- We should be the best employee our bosses have!

10 not pilfering, (**In the original language this means “Don’t bring the office supplies home.”**)

but showing all good fidelity, (**Trustworthiness**) that they may adorn (**Find attractive**) the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.

- Back in the day, one of my side jobs was at Kinkos. On one of my first days, I found a 100-dollar bill on the floor. I immediately gave it to the Manager in case somebody called and asked about it. A month later he offered it to me since it had gone unclaimed. I suggested we use it to bring in some food for our next store meeting. At the store meeting he made a big deal about my honesty – which was embarrassing, BUT, a good testimony too.
  - BTW, If YOU find a 100-dollar bill around here... Put it in the offering 😊

11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,

- **Romans 1:19** because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them.
  - **Psalm 19:1** The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.
- **COURSON** - Once a person chooses to receive the free gift of salvation, he knows intuitively, innately, and immediately that he is to live righteously. And the next couple of verses tells us how.

## OUR SALVATION...

12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts,

- **1 John 2:15** Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **16** For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes,

and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. 17  
And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

### DENYING THE FLESH...

we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, 13 looking for **the blessed hope** and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

- I hope you are looking for the Blessed Hope... The trumpet of God, the shout, and then being caught up into Glory, forever to be with the Lord!!!
  - Paul calls it the appearing of Our God and Savior, Jesus Christ...
    - And about seven years later, He will return to stay and rule for 1000 years.
- All of this Eschatology is our blessed hope!!!

### JESUS CHRIST...

14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem (*Purchase*) us from every lawless deed and **purify for Himself His own special people**, zealous for good works.

### Listen...

- **Ephesians 5:25** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.
- I always think about this redeeming of our souls when I get to be around the Slave Children in Haiti who have been redeemed, sometimes with money, sometimes with threats, sometimes... The Haitian Pastors will just go get them and bring them to Pastor Poyis...
  - They arrive with nothing but rags for clothes. The Workers at the Children's homes clean them up, take them to the closet and pick out a wardrobe for them, and for many of them – give them their very first bed with a mattress... They help them put on their very first pair of pajamas... And like clockwork, feed them every two days now...
    - Most of the kids accept Jesus as their Savior...
      - AND... When they want to get baptized, they agree to forgive their abusers, even of it was their own parents.

- These kids KNOW that they have been redeemed! SO DO WE!

**SO...**

15 Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you.

**NEXT TIME – Get ready for work!**