

Titus 2:1-10 | Teach Sound Doctrine

You, however, must teach what is appropriate to sound doctrine. ²Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance.

³Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. ⁴Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children, ⁵to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.

⁶Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled. ⁷In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness ⁸and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.

⁹Teach slaves to be subject to their masters in everything, to try to please them, not to talk back to them, ¹⁰and not to steal from them, but to show that they can be fully trusted, so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive.

Thought Questions

1. What was the difference between the “older men” of verse 2 and the “elders” of chapter 1?
2. Reflect on the characteristics and attitudes that Paul told Titus to urge on the older men in the congregation. Someone has said that older men are the balance wheel of the congregation. How would the characteristics and attitudes mentioned here make them that?
3. How does Paul describe the way older women are to live? What are they able to teach the younger women if they live this way? What will be the result when the younger women pattern themselves like this?
4. How does Paul want the younger men to live? What will be the result of that kind of life?
5. How does Paul tell Christian slaves to act? What will be the result of the life of that kind of slave?
6. Vs 15 - Why do you think someone might despise Titus?
7. Agree or disagree: In a society that makes heroes and models out of athletes and celebrities, pastors can no longer be examples to young people.