

Titus 2.¹But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine. ²Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness. ³Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, ⁴and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, ⁵to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled. ⁶Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled. ⁷Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, ⁸and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us. ⁹Bondservants are to be submissive to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, ¹⁰not pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior. ¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹²training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. ¹⁵Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

1. Paul tasks Titus to apply the Gospel to all people of all ages. Do you share this big vision, or are you tilted toward just one demographic?

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2. Note the ‘sweet spot’ of Liberty (*God loves me because I am in Christ and His Spirit in me leads me to follow Him*) - between the extremes of Legalism (*God will love me because I do this*) and License (*God loves me no matter what I do!*). Are you centered in His liberty or falling off one of the edges?

3. Focusing on our Lord’s “appearings” have made some charge that Christians are out-of-touch because they focus on the distant past and the remote future? Are you living for Jesus in the “now” while you glory in His appearings of grace and glory?

Titus 2.1-15

The Stomach of Evil

1. Gospel Appearances

- a. Epiphany of Grace v. 11, 1.4, Exod 34.6, John 1.16, 3.17, 2 Tim 1.8
- b. Epiphany of Glory v. 13, Matt 26.64, John 1.14, Heb 9.28, Colos 3.4

2. Gospel Adornment

- a. Elderly vs. 2,3,11-14, Psalm 90.10
 - 1) Sound in Belief vs. 2, 3
 - 2) Self-Controlled Behavior vs. 2, 3
 - 3) Safely Handover the Baton vs. 4,6, 2 Timothy 2.2
- b. Energetic
 - 1) Life vs. 5,7,8,15, 1 Corinth 11.1, 1 Tim 4.12, 2 Corinth 3.2,3
 - 2) Love vs. 4,7, 1 Thessalonians 4.3-8
 - 3) Liberty vs. 5, 7, Galatians 5.1, John 8.36

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c. Enslaved

- 1) Grim Reality v. 9,10, Galatians 3.28
- 2) Given Responsibility v. 9,10, 1 Corinthians 7.20-24
- 3) Gospel Revealed vs. 10,11, Titus 1.1, Mark 10.44,45