

RIGHT LIVING, THE PROPER DRESS OF A CHRISTIAN
TITUS 2:1-10

Introduction:

Titus 2:1, "become sound doctrine."

Titus 2:10, "adorn the doctrine."

- A. Right belief is necessary to sound doctrine.
 - 1. A disciple learns from his master.
 - 2. We must not apologize for Him.
 - 3. If He taught a truth, so must we.

- B. Right living must be the other half of sound doctrine.
 - 1. Believe right and do wrong = improper.
 - 2. Do right and believe wrong = tragic.

- C. The whole story is believing right and doing right.
 - 1. v2:1, "Which BECOME sound doctrine."
 - 2. become = prepo - to be conspicuous among a number, to be distinguished in or by a thing.
 - 3. "adorn the doctrine." v10 [kosmeo]. to order, to set in order, to garnish, decorate.

- D. What are the THINGS that enhance or adorn sound doctrine
 - 1. These are the things Titus is to speak and the Elders are to teach.
 - 2. These are not COMPLETE instructions.

I. THE AGED MEN.

- A. [presbutes] = to be far entered into, or advanced in.

- B. Sober = nephaios = temperate, abstinent, in control of self.

- C. grave = semnos = grave or dignified, do things with dignity.

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- D. temperate = sophron = of sound mind, free from sensual desires. Not controlled by sensuality.

- E. Sound in faith = Body of doctrine.
 - 1. sound = hugies = sound, healthy.
 - 2. faith = pistis = firm persuasion.

- F. Sound in love = agape = that is self-denying, the distinctive character of the Christian life in relation to the brethren and to all.
 - 1. The one thing you can't be without. I Cor. 13:1--
 - 2. The older men teaching by example!
 - 3. Bobby Joe.

- G. Sound in patience = hupomone = patient enduring, holding out.
 - 1. II Thess. 3:5. "The patience which waits for Christ"
 - 2. Not a resignation to the inevitable.

II. THE AGED WOMEN, LIKEWISE

- A. "behaviour as becometh holiness."
 - 1. behaviour = katastema = the condition or constitution of anything, external deportment.
 - 2. "in deportment as becometh sacred persons."

- B. not false accusers = diabolos = devil
 - 1. a speaking against, an accusation, not scandal-mongers, not malicious gossips.

- C. not given to much wine.
 - 1. "Not slaves to drink."
 - 2. avoid addictive substances.
 - 3. Drug addiction is high among housewives.
 - 4. Housewife made inferior by modern thought.

- D. teachers of good things.

1. teacher = Kalo didaskalos = teaching that which is beautiful.
2. Kalo = it is agreeable, it is good.
3. things = good things as opposed to bad things.

[The lives of older women cannot be separated from their influence on the younger women, therefore, they are always,hina, in order that.]

III. THEY MAY TEACH, THE YOUNGER WOMEN.

- A. sober = sophronizo - a sound and mature mind.
- B. to love their husbands.
 1. philandrous = husband-lovers.
- C. to love their children.
 1. philoteknous = child-lovers.
 2. Love teaches, disciplines, trains, takes time.
 3. (Story of woman who goes to work and husband takes job on week-end to save money for their Little Girl's education.)
- D. to be discreet. sophronas.
 1. sensible, to use sound judgment.
- E. To be pure = hagnas = pure, chaste.
 1. The world teaches you that you are being cheated.
 - a. Movies, T.V., Songs.
- F. Keepers at home = oikourgous.
 1. home workers = housekeepers.
 2. Shades of ERA.
 3. Institutions; Baby in Day Care.
Grandma in Nursing Home.

- G. good = agathos = the inner harmonious perfection, which is its own standard of measure, which primarily belongs to God.

- H. obedient to their own husbands.
 - 1. obedient = hupotasso = to subordinate, to be subjected. Military term, General arranging soldiers under him.
 - 2. Willing to adapt themselves to their husbands.
 - a. Don't marry with the idea of changing them!

- I. that the word of God be not blasphemed.
 - 1. If the young mothers do not live righteously they bring reproach upon the gospel and Word of God.
 - 2. "otherwise it will be a scandal to the gospel."
 - a. I Tim. 2:8-15.
 - b. I Tim. 5:14-15.

IV. YOUNG MEN LIKEWISE EXHORT TO BE SOBER MINDED.

- A. sober minded = sophronein = sensible, right-thinking.
 - 1. Encourage the young men to live orderly lives.

- B. Is this the only word to the young men?
 - 1. No! Titus is considered to be a young man, therefore he is to set them an example.
 - 2. "in all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works."

- C. in doctrine shewing uncorruptness.
 - 1. incorrupt = aphthorian = pure.
 - 2. "be sincere and serious in your teaching."
 - 3. Teach the pure, simple truth!
 - 4. Young people can't learn Bible is a Myth!

- D. gravity = semnotes = dignity.
 - 1. We are dealing with a grave matter.

2. The Christian who is always smiling and laughing is a false image, warped, twisted.
 - a. "weep with them that weep."

- E. sincerity = aptharsia = incapacity of decay, not showing rottenness.

- F. sound speech, that cannot be condemned.
 1. sound speech = logon hugie = healthy.
 2. condemned = akatagnoston = irreprehensible. Sound speech that cannot be censured.

- G. that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.
 1. contrary = enantios = opposite.
 2. So that anyone who opposes us will feel foolish, when he fails to find anything bad to say of us.

- H. The concept of conformity is a hindrance to true Christianity.
 1. God needs the best men in the worst places.

V. EXHORT SERVANTS. TITUS 2:9-10

- A. servants = slaves = doulous = people in bondage to another.

- B. Paul's language does not seem fair to the slave. This is a command to all slaves whether they have believing masters or not.
 1. I Tim. 6:1-2 "Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and His doctrine be not blasphemed. And they that have believing masters, let them not dispise them, because they are brethren; but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort."

2. Col. 3:22-25; 4:1.
 3. Philemon 16, "Not now as a servant, but above a servant, a brother beloved, especially to me, but how much more unto thee, both in the flesh and in the Lord?"
 - a. Philemon = master.
 - b. Onesimus = slave.
 4. Had all masters and slaves everywhere taken to heart the inspired words of Paul about slavery, this institution would have perished from the earth without a blood-bath.
- C. to be obedient unto their own masters.
1. obedient = hupotasso = to be subjected.
 2. That it is their duty as Christians to obey their masters.
- D. and to please them well in all things.
1. And try to please them in every task.
 2. Does not mean to do the evil or immoral.
- E. not answering again.
1. Not argumentative.
 2. Don't talk back.
 3. Not muttering and mumbling.
- F. not purloining = nosthizo = to put apart, or to separate for one's self.
1. Slaves were expected to steal, a common understanding.
 2. Don't practice stealing small things from your masters.
- G. but showing all good fidelity.
1. fidelity = pistis = faith.
 2. But to evidence such complete reliability.

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H. that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

1. That altogether they may beautify the teaching of God...

VI. HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT YOUR EMPLOYER?

A. Deportment.

1. Comply with requests.

B. Disposition.

1. No sullen disposition.

C. Dependability.

1. Secretly holding back.