

Titus 2

Detailed instructions on how to deal with the members of the congregations on Crete

Titus 2.1-2 - Advice to older Christian men

V1 – “But”? In contrast to false teachers of *Titus 1.16*

- Titus then was to hold to sound doctrine
- Notice the use of the word “sound” – this word is used five times in *Titus*
 - Titus 1.9* – sound doctrine
 - Titus 1.13* - sound in the faith
 - Titus 2.1* – sound doctrine
 - Titus 2.2* – sound in faith
 - Titus 2.8* – sound in speech which is beyond reproach

V2 – How were older men to behave?

- Temperate – not given to excess
- Dignified
- Sensible
- Sound in faith
- In love – not bitter or vengeful
- In perseverance – bearing up under suffering

Titus 2.3-5 - Advice to older Christian women

V3 –Older women in the congregation:

- Reverent in their behavior
- Not malicious gossips – able to control the tongue (an older woman who gossips can do a great damage to a congregation)
- Not enslaved to much wine
- Teaching what is good – involved in the church's teaching program

V4 – What group are they specifically told to teach? Young women

- What are they to teach the young women?** To love their husbands and their children
- Very interesting – we can learn to love people
- The concept of “falling in love” is an exaggeration and is the result of movies, TV, and novels

V5 – What else are older Christian women to teach the younger women?

- To be sensible
- To be workers at home
 - Why do so many work outside the home in cases where it is not necessary?** Lust for the material things of life, a feeling of no fulfillment at home
 - But they should see their importance in raising children
 - Advantages of being workers at home? They will give good environment for children to grow up in and will be an honor to the whole family
- Kind
- Being subject to their own husbands

Titus 2.6-8 – Advice to younger Christian men

V 6 – Young men are also to be sensible

V 7 – **What else were the younger Christian men to do?** Set the right example themselves
-**In what ways?** Good deeds, purity in doctrine, dignity

V 8 – **What about the speech of the young men?** Sound in doctrine
-**Why?** So that the false teachers would not have anything bad to say about them
-**Why “us” in v 7?** Something bad about Titus would also reflect on Paul

Titus 2.9-10 – Advice to Christian slaves

V 9 – Instead of “bond-slaves,” let us read “employees” or “workers”
-Instead of “masters,” read “employers”
-**How are workers to behave?** Well-pleasing and not argumentative

V 10 – **What else?** Not pilfering (stealing)
-Christian workers must not violate the laws of God (*Acts 5.29*)
-When a Christian worker refuses to do something illegal or dishonest, the employer will ultimately respect him more - he knows that such a worker can be trusted
-**Does this passage rule out a Christian going on a strike against his employer?**
-**Why be honest as a workman?** To glorify God

Titus 2.11-15 - A summary of all Christ has done for us

V 11 – **First thing he did?** He brought salvation to us

V 12 – **Next?** Instructed us concerning how we should live (denying ungodliness, etc.)

V 13 – **Next?** Gave us the hope of his Second Coming

V 14 – **Next?** Redeemed us from our sins and purified us from sin

V 15 – **Paul’s instructions to Titus?** Teach these things with authority
-In other words, don’t let anyone disagree with you on these things

Lessons from Chapter 2

-Interesting in *Titus 2*: First, the specific rules for all members of the congregations, and then the general principles of the gospel (so as not to discourage people)