

Titus (Week 21)

Tit 2:1-6

Paul instructs Titus, in contrast to the deceiving Judaizers, to speak the things fitting for sound doctrine. Remember, “They” were speaking things that were upsetting whole families.

Here we have Paul’s breakdown for specific teaching to the body of believers by a certain age and gender, which are very distinct, and have a specific purpose.

Mandates for older men:

- Temperate
 - **Nēphaleos**: meaning self-control, moderation, being **sober-minded**, temperate, vigilant.
 - *1Pe 1:13, 1Pe 4:7-8, 1Pe 5:8-9*
- Dignified
 - **semnos**: meaning venerable, serious, dignified, honest or honorable.
 - Someone deserving great respect, honor, or reverence due to age, wisdom, high position, or someone of impressive dignity.
 - *1Ti 3:4, 1Ti 3:8, 1Ti 3:11, Php 4:8*
- Sensible
 - **sōphrōn**: meaning safe, (sound) in mind, self controlled, discreet, **sober**, temperate, prudent or sensible.
 - *Tit 1:8, Mat 24:45*
- Sound in faith
 - This means holding to pure, uncorrupted sound doctrine, exhibiting spiritual health, and living consistently with God's truth.
- Sound in love
 - This means being genuine and secure in the love of God, reflecting it to others. *Eph 4:15, 1Co 13:4-8*
- Sound in perseverance
 - It means that you are experienced in enduring trials and tribulations that lead to spiritual maturity, proven character and hope. *Rom 5:3-5*

Mandates for women.

Tit 2:3-5, 2Ti 3:6, 1Ti 4:7, 1Ti 2:9-10, 1Pe 3:1-5

Mandate for the younger Men: *Tit 2:6*

Paul instructs Timothy on these things:

1Ti 4:1-9, Mar 7:14-23

Paul says this phrase “It is a trustworthy statement” a few times, and only when he’s instructing Titus or Timothy. You can see that it’s a **part of his curriculum**, signaling them that this is something they should teach fervently as sound doctrine.

1Ti 1:15, 1Ti 3:1, 2Ti 2:10-11, it 3:8

“Show yourself to be an example” *Tit 2:7-8*

Dedicate yourself to living out the word of God in your life, you will have an **impact**, like a **die struck**. Your life will leave an **imprint**, you will become the **pattern for replication**. The example.

Paul is telling Titus that In your teaching of the word of God, you don’t **compromise**.

Deceivers can make the bible say whatever they wish when **taken out of context**.

Good teaching is going to have several elements in it.

1. It will magnify the **grace of God**.

a. Eph 2:8, Tit 2:11, Joh 1:14, Act 13:43, 20:24, 1Co 3:10

2. It’s going to focus on the **person of Jesus Christ**.

a. Php 3:8-10

3. It’s going to challenge us to **move forward in faith**.

a. 1Th_4:1

Good works will **always follow** in that pattern.

Tit 2:8

Three things that are essential to determine **what we are hearing is truth**:

1. **It must be coherent, or easily able to understand.**

2. **It must have correlation or application to life.**

3. **It must be consistent and in context.**