

Titus (Week 23)

Titus 2:1-8... The word “example” here in the Greek is **tupos**: meaning:

- **a die being struck**, (like striking coins in a mint)
- **a stamp for replication**, or, by analogy a shape, or a statue, (figuratively) by style or resemblance;
- **a model** (for imitation):
- **An example** to fashion after, of figure, form, or manner,
- **A pattern or imprint by impact.**

What Paul is saying here is that if you 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**. *Php 3:16-17*

Paul is telling Titus that In your teaching of the word of God, you don't **compromise**. You have **integrity in regard to the text**. Purity or sound in doctrine. Personal ideas or speculations **have no place** here. That is how **problems and corruption start**.

The test of good teaching is this: What does the biblical text say, in **context**?

Good teaching is going to have several elements in it.

1. It will magnify the **grace of God**.
 - a. Our entire existence, salvation and life are based on the Grace of God. If something is sounding legalistic, or is attempting to enslave you to the old things, like the law, it's not by grace. We are no longer under law, but under grace (Rom 6:14b).
 - b. *Eph 2:8, Tit 2:11, Joh 1:14, Act 13:43, Act 20:24, 1Co 3:10-15*
2. **Good teaching** is also going to focus on the **person of Jesus Christ**.
 - a. Our savior, the God-man Jesus Christ. **Knowing Him** is our ultimate goal. Good teaching will enlighten us and increase our **knowledge of Him**.
 - b. *Php 3:8-10, Joh 17:3, 1Jn 2:2-4, Eph 3:17-19*
3. **Good teaching** is also going to challenge us to **move forward in faith**.
 - a. Good teaching will **exhort** you, **motivate** you to **increase** in the spiritual life, becoming more mature.
 - b. *1Th 4:1, 2Ti 4:2Tit 2:15*

One of the end results for this, and other similar passages, is being zealous for good deeds.

Good works will **always follow** in the pattern of good teaching. *Tit 2:1, 7-8*

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.**

Tit 2:8: How we **reflect** Christ, God the father, and the word of God is paramount! This is why Paul uses these strong words:

- Sound
- Purity
- Truth
- Beyond reproach

The bible is the standard and guide on how to discern Godly truth from worldly deception and darkness, and to act on it. It's that simple.

Remember our purpose and the charge:

- We are to hear from pastor-teachers, and discern it for truth.
- We are to become mature.
- We are to stand in that truth and be Godly.
- We are to reflect that truth in our decisions and actions (good deeds).
- We are to be an example to others, reflecting Christ in all things.

1Pe 2:12, Php 2:14-15, 1Pe 3:16, Eph 4:29

Summary of these passages on being an example:

Passage	Command	Purpose [So That]
1Pe 2:12	Keep your behavior excellent	because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation
Php 2:14-15	Do all things without grumbling or disputing	prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach, appear as lights in the world
1Pe 3:16	keep a good conscience	those who revile your Godliness will be put to shame
Eph 4:29	Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth	it will give grace to those who hear.
Tit 2:7-8	show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine, dignified, sound in speech	the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us

Both Peter and Paul in these passages expressed that we will be slandered and reviled. But, even during the Lord's ministry here on earth, He expresses this, and exhorts us during the sermon on the mount. *Mat 5:10-16*

Tit 2:9-11