

SETTING THINGS IN ORDER
Sermon Notes - Sound Doctrine
Titus 2:1-10

“Doctrine,” comes from the Latin word doctrina – meaning: “teaching or instruction.”

“A Christian doctrine is what the entire Bible has to say on one particular subject.” – Don Stewart

“Truth and doctrine are to be preached always, openly and firmly, and are never to be dissembled or concealed.” Martin Luther

If Biblical truth is not lived out it will *merely* become “dull” religious rhetoric!

“There is scarcely anything so dull and meaningless as Bible doctrine taught for its own sake. Truth divorced from life is not truth in its biblical sense, but something else and something less.” - A. W. Tozer

(2 Timothy 3:5) “...having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!”

“Principle without practice only produces “dead religion!”

(1 Thessalonians 2:13) For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.

Older men – (v.2) Joshua 14:10-12a. sobriety, reverent, temperate, sound (true in doctrine).

(v.3) Older women – “likewise.”

reverent; “suitable” behavior toward men, places, actions or things sacred to God.

slanderers: (diabolos) falsely accusing, siding with the devil.

Older women exhorted to teach “good things!”

(v.4) Young women –discreet – chaste – keeper at home (Proverbs 31 woman) – good - obedient to her husband.

“...that the word of God may not be blasphemed.”

(Proverbs 14:1) The wise woman builds her house, But the foolish pulls it down with her hands.

(1 Peter 3:3-4) Do not let your adornment be merely outward — arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel — rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.

(v.6-8) Young men – sober-minded: moderate, sane.

(Psalm 119:9) How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.

young man's life a pattern of good works - sound (healthy) speech - integrity, reverence, and incorruptibility.

Literally, living like the “risen dead,” *rather than the “living dead*, through faith in a “risen Christ!”

(v.9, 10) Bondservants, (employees)

pilfering: to embezzle; purloin – to steal.

Good fidelity – honorable; conviction of the truth!

CONCLUSION: Sound: *hygiaino (hoo-ge-i-no)* - to be well uncorrupt, safe, whole.

(Matthew 11:28-30) Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”