

Titus 2:1-10 A Portrait of Sound Doctrine

Verse 1

Sound – To be well, to be in good health. From this Greek word we get our word *hygiene*.

Luke 7:10, “...they found the slave in *good health*.”

Doctrine – Teaching or instruction, that which is taught. From this Greek word we get our word didactics, the art or science of teaching. Of the 21 occurrences of this word in the New Testament, 15 occur in the Pastoral Epistles.

1 Timothy – 1:10, 4:1, 4:13, 4:16, 5:17, 6:1, 6:3

2 Timothy – 3:10, 3:16, 4:3

Titus – 1:9, 2:1, 2:7, 2:10

Sound Doctrine is healthy teaching!

Sound doctrine will produce behavior that is consistent with the Word.

Sound doctrine is a proper understanding of God’s grace.

Verses 2-10 Sound doctrine applied to five groups:

1. Older men – verse 2
2. Older women – verse 3
3. Younger women – verses 4-5
4. Younger men – verses 6-8
5. Bondslaves – verses 9-10

Verse 2 - Older Men

1. *Temperate* – Clear headed, sober
2. *Dignified* – Worthy of respect
3. *Sensible* – Self controlled
4. *Sound in faith* – They trust in God
5. *Sound in love* – Concern for others
6. *Sound in perseverance* – They patiently endure because of their hope

Verse 3 - Older Women

1. *Reverent* – Their behavior shows their love for God
2. *Not malicious gossips* – Slandering others
3. *Not enslaved to much wine* – They don’t depend on enslaving substances
4. *Teaching what is good* – Sound in their teaching so they might encourage they younger women

Verses 4-5 - Young Women

1. *Love their husbands* – Put their husband’s welfare first
2. *Love their children* – Seek the best for their children
3. *Be sensible* – Self controlled
4. *Be pure* – Personal holiness
5. *Workers at home* – Produce orderliness in the home
6. *Be kind* – Of good constitution or nature, pleasant
7. *Subject to their own husbands* – Honoring God’s order and roll

The reason - “...that the word of God may not be dishonored.”

Verses 6-8 Young Men

1. *Be sensible* – Self controlled
2. *An example of good deeds* – Their lifestyle exhibits good works
3. *Purity in doctrine* – Teaching and practicing sound doctrine
4. *Dignified* – Worthy of respect
5. Sound in speech:

-Above reproach – No grounds for accusation

-That the opponent may be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us

Our behavior does make a difference with unbelievers!

Verses 9-10 - Bondslaves

1. Subject to their masters – Obedient
2. Well pleasing – They work hard
3. Not argumentative – They don’t grumble
4. Not pilfering – They don’t steal
5. Showing all good faith – They are completely trustworthy

Why do these things?

“*That they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect.*”

Testimony is important!

Sound Doctrine in practice!

Living a life that glorifies Christ.