



# Titus

*...in all things show yourself  
to be an example of good deeds...*

# Agenda

- Recap
- Titus 1:13-2:6
- Topics:
  - Paul's commands for Titus
  - Avoiding false teaching
  - Conduct of older and younger in the church

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Conduct of believers

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# Doctrinal Qualifications

- “Holding fast the faithful word in accordance with the teaching”
- “Able to exhort in sound doctrine”
- “Able to refute those who contradict”

KATA

# Titus 1:9

<sup>9</sup> holding fast the faithful word  
which is in accordance with  
**THE TEACHING...**

KATA

# “THE teaching / THE faith / THE doctrine

- Acts 6:7; 13:8; 14:22; 16:5
- 1 Corinthians 16:13
- 2 Corinthians 13:5
- Galatians 1:23; 6:10
- Ephesians 4:5,13
- Philippians 1:27
- Colossians 1:23; 2:7
- 1 Timothy 1:2; 3:9; 4:1,6; 5:8; 6:10,21
- 2 Timothy 3:8; 4:7
- Titus 1:13
- Jude 3
- Revelation 2:13

(Not an exhaustive list)



DIVERSITY  
IS OUR  
STRENGTH



Building up the body of Christ is defined, in part, by unity in “the faith” – not diversity of message

# Exhort

- parakaleo
- In sound doctrine
- Idea: to come alongside / appeal to

# Refute

- elegko
- Those who contradict
- To expose - usually with the idea of shaming

# Description of False Teachers

- **Rebellious** – undisciplined, refusing to submit to authority
- **Empty talker** – refers to talk that is devoid of truth and thus vain and useless
- **Deceiver** – a mind-deceiver



**What was Titus to do  
about these false  
teachers?**

# Titus 1:11

11 who must be silenced  
because they are upsetting  
whole families, teaching things  
they should not *teach* for the  
sake of sordid gain.

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# Titus 1:12-13

<sup>12</sup> One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, “Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.” <sup>13</sup> This testimony is true. For this reason **reprove** them severely so that they may be sound in the faith,

# Refute / Reprove

<sup>9</sup> holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in **sound** doctrine and to **refute** those who contradict.

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# Verse 9 and 13 Connected

“Holding fast  
THE teaching,  
so that...”



“Able to  
**refute** false  
teachers”

“**Reprove**  
them severely  
so that...”



“May be  
sound in  
THE faith”

# Titus 1:14

<sup>14</sup> not paying attention to Jewish myths and commandments of men who turn away from the truth.



*We are not to turn our mind or attention to false teaching*

# Why was Colossians written?

- There were reports of false doctrine being taught
- Paul was addressing the mixing of religions
- Paul was dealing with 4 major issues:
  - Judaism
  - Gnosticism
  - Asceticism
  - License to do whatever you want

# Paul's dealing with Judaism

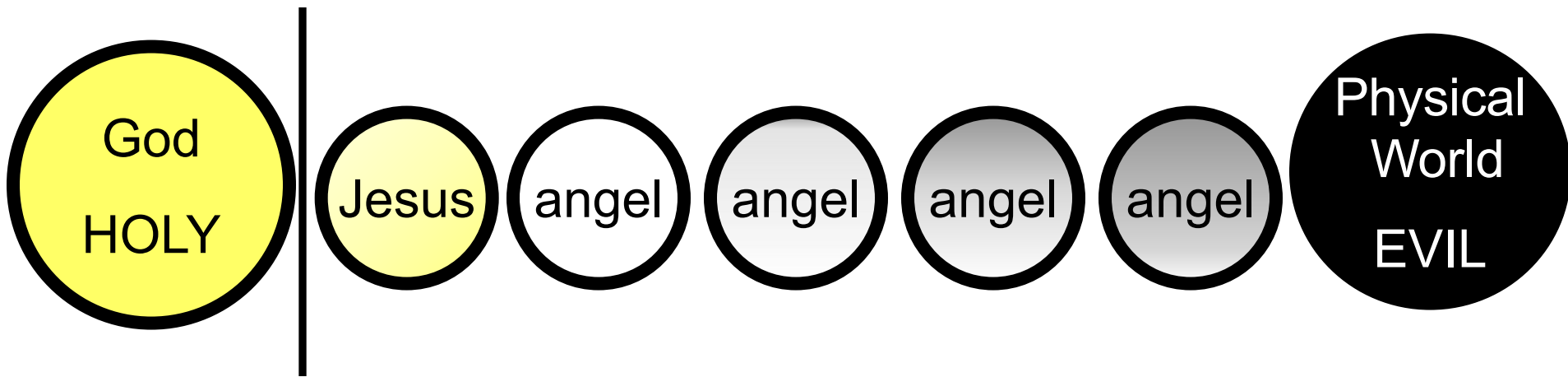
- Great emphasis on externals / performance-based

# Colossians 2:16

<sup>16</sup> Therefore no one is to act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day—things which are a mere shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ.

# Paul's dealing with Gnosticism

- Gnostics were the intelligentsia who elevated human reason above the Word





# Colossians 2:18

<sup>18</sup> Let no one keep defrauding you of your prize by delighting in self-abasement and the worship of angels, taking his stand on visions he has seen, inflated without cause by his fleshly mind

# Christ links man to God

Col 1:19 For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him



Col 2:9 For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form

# Paul's dealing with Asceticism

- Obtain holiness by reducing / eliminating contact with the physical world

# Colossians 2:20-23

If you have died with Christ to the elementary principles of the world, why, as if you were living in the world, do you submit yourself to decrees, such as, <sup>21</sup> “Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch!” <sup>22</sup> (which all *refer to* things destined to perish with use)—in accordance with the commandments and teachings of men? <sup>23</sup> These are matters which have, to be sure, the appearance of wisdom in self-made religion and self-abasement and severe treatment of the body, *but are* of no value against fleshly indulgence.

**WARNING**

## 2 Timothy 2:14,16-17

<sup>14</sup> Remind *them* of these things, and solemnly charge *them* in the presence of God not to wrangle about words, which is useless *and leads* to the **ruin** of the hearers... <sup>16</sup> But avoid worldly and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness, <sup>17</sup> and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus.

## 2 Timothy 4:14-15

<sup>14</sup> Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. <sup>15</sup> Be on guard against him yourself, for he vigorously opposed our [THE] teaching.

# Titus 3:9

<sup>9</sup> But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and strife and disputes about the Law, for they are unprofitable and worthless.



# 1 Timothy 1:3-4

As I urged you upon my departure for Macedonia, remain on at Ephesus so that you may instruct certain men not to teach strange doctrines, <sup>4</sup> nor to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies, which give rise to mere speculation rather than *furthering* the administration of God which is by **[THE]** **faith.**

# 1 Timothy 4:1

<sup>1</sup> But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from THE faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons

# 1 Timothy 6:3-5

<sup>3</sup> If anyone advocates a different doctrine and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness, <sup>4</sup> he is conceited *and* understands nothing; but he has a morbid interest in controversial questions and...

# 1 Timothy 6:3-5

...disputes about words, out of which arise envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions, <sup>5</sup> and constant friction between men of depraved mind and deprived of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain (monetary)

# Titus 1:15

- **False teachers are condemned by their character**

**15 To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled**

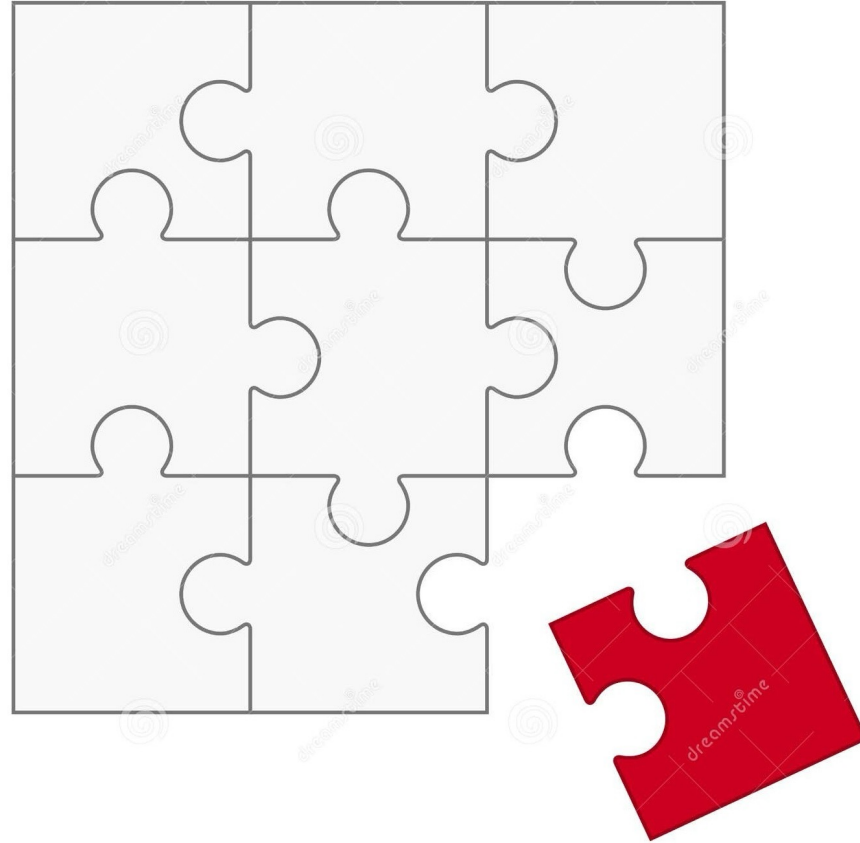
# Titus 1:16

- **False teachers are condemned by their conduct**

<sup>16</sup> They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works.

They are detestable, disobedient **unfit** for any good work.

# “Unfit”




# “Not standing the test”

# 2 Timothy 2:15

<sup>15</sup> Be diligent to present yourself **approved** to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

**Fire will test each  
man's, work. All wood,  
hay &  
stubble  
will  
burn  
up.**





# Titus 2:1

But as for you, speak the things that are **fitting** for sound doctrine.

- Fitting – appropriate / consistent with
- Matthew 3:13-15 – John hesitated to baptize Jesus
- Eph 5:3 But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is **proper** among saints

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# Titus 2:2-6

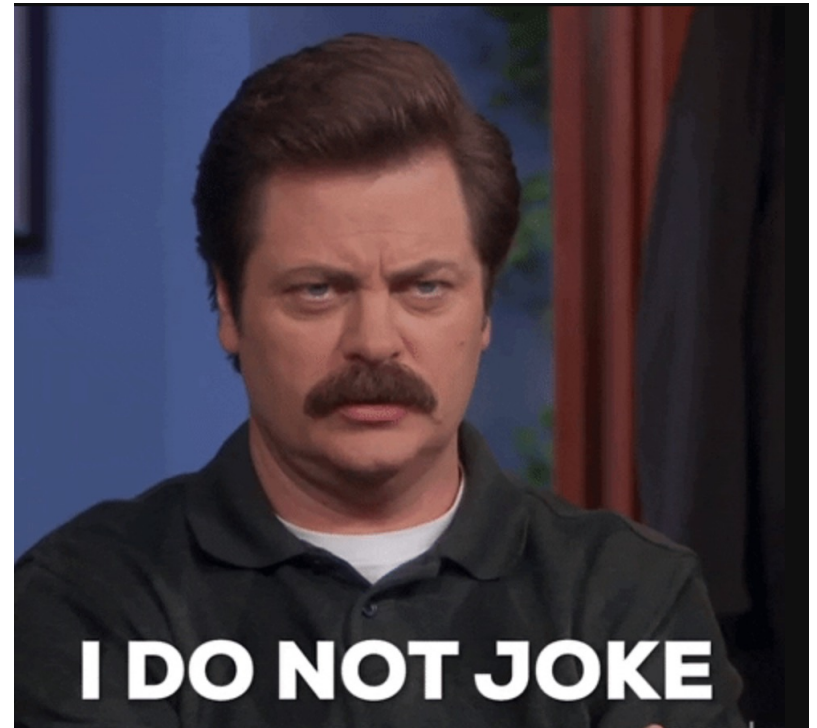
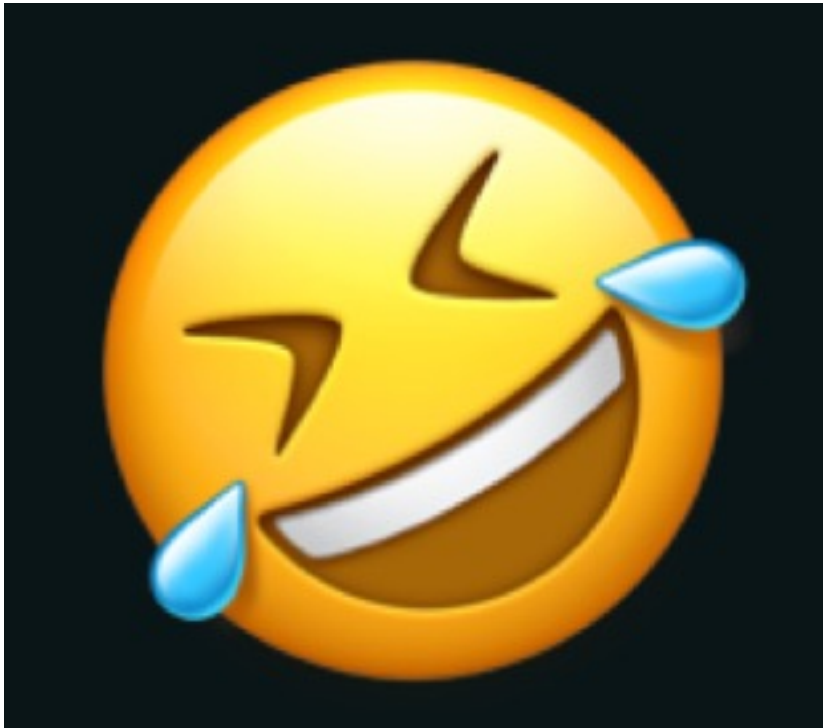
<sup>2</sup> Older men are to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in perseverance. <sup>3</sup> Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good...

# Titus 2:2-6

... <sup>4</sup> so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, <sup>5</sup> *to be* sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.

# Titus 2:2-6

<sup>6</sup> Likewise urge the young men to be sensible...



# Conduct – Older Men

- Temperate – not controlled by anything (in general), wine specifically; well-balanced / clear-headed
- Dignified – worthy of respect
- Sensible – **sophronos** – in control to the point of mastery

# Conduct – Older Men

“Sound in faith, in love, in perseverance”

**“THE”**

- “THE faith” = doctrine
- “THE love” = not just doctrine
- “THE perseverance” – **hupomone** –  
idea: load carrying ability

# Conduct – Older Women

- “Reverent in behavior” – demeanor is generally respectful
- “Not malicious gossips” – slander
- “Not enslaved to much wine” – Could the wine have loosened the tongue?
- “Teaching what is good”



# Conduct – Younger Women

Love their husbands – affectionate towards him

Love their children – affectionate towards them

Sensible – **sophronos** – in control to the point of mastery

Pure – chaste (1 Tim 5:22 “keep yourself **free** from sin”)

# Conduct – Younger Women

Workers at home – domestically-inclined / orderliness (1 Tim 5:14 – “manage their households”)

Kind – “good / meeting a high quality of standards”

Being subject to their own husbands – “to line up under”

# Conduct – Younger Men

Sensible – **sophronos** – in control to the point of mastery

**Could Paul have chosen a better word for young men?**