

Change Starts With Me

(Titus 2)

Cretans – bad reputation

- Good news: could change it.
- Paul progresses from pastors (ch.1) to teachers (ch.2).
 - Ch.1: things that are lacking.
 - Ch.2: things that are lovely.

I. 1: The Charge

You (emphatic)

- In contrast to false teachers, 1:10...
- Titus must be active in teaching truth as false teachers are in teaching error
- Titus must remember that he is . . .
 1. True son, 1:4 (Ga.2:3) in common faith
 2. Trustworthy, 1:5. 2 Co.8:16, 23
 3. Teacher of sound doctrine, 2:1. Dt.6:6-7

Speak (1, 15)

- Words build up, tear down; save, destroy.
- Not limited to preaching / teaching.
1 Tim.5:13.

Proper for sound doctrine

- 1 Tim.1:10
- 2 Tim.1:13; 4:3

Others are zealous for error; you, for truth.
Doctrine and life must harmonize.

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II. 2-10: The Classes

Older men (2) Phm.9

- Sober: in control of desires
- Reverent: dignified, serious
- Temperate: self-controlled, of sound mind
- Sound: right attitude toward God / gospel
 - In faith – by faith we work, worship
 - In love – extends to neighbor
 - In patience – fortitude in trials

Older women (3-4)

- Reverent in behavior: sacred, devout...
- Not slanderers: devils...backbiters
- Not given to much wine: drunkard
- Teach what is good: ct. 1:11.
- Admonish young women: train in self-control.

‘Not only by discourse at home,
but by example’ – Chrysostom

Young women (4-5)

- Love husband: chief point... Gn.24
- Love children: root ... fruit
- Discreet: in control of self. Pr.16:32
- Chaste: pure, holy
- Homemakers: busy at home. 1 Tim.5:14
- Good: kind; doing what benefits others
- Obedient to own husband: 1 Tim.2:11-15

Word of God not blasphemed.

People judge teaching by its effect on daily life.

Young men (6)

- **Sober-minded:** self-mastery, self-controlled
 - Control is possible
 - Encouragement helps
 - Good example speaks volumes (v.7)

Titus (7-8) a young man

- **Pattern of good works:** model, example to imitate. 1 Tim.4:12
- **Sound doctrine:** teaching, 2 Jn.9
 - Integrity: free of lies of adversaries
 - Reverence: dignity; attitude/manner of presenting truth.
 - Incorruptibility: sincerity.
- **Sound speech that cannot be condemned**
 - That opponent may be ashamed
 - Having nothing evil to say of you

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Family.
Gn.13

Religion.
Mt.5

Society.
Ep.4

Work.
Ep.6

Character.
1 Pt.3:4-5

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- Of God our Savior in all things. (10)