

The Epistle of Titus
Chapter 2 verses 1-10 – Pastor Charles A. Hall
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Chapter 2 – In this chapter the apostle Paul instructs Titus on proper and righteous guidance for the various groups of people that comprise the local church. As such, Paul provides direction for the aged men (mature) and women, young men, and the servants of the church. Paul further provides in this chapter the divine basis for living a godly life. Paul discusses in this chapter the appearance of grace, the education of grace and the appearing of glory.

Verse 1 - In this verse the apostle Paul reminds and commands Titus to speak with sound (comprehensive and perfect) doctrine (bible principles) which include conversation, preaching and teaching.

Verse 2 - Paul instructs Titus on the behavior of the aged men (elderly men) in the church that they should be sober (sensible), grave (dignified), temperate (prudent and thoughtful) sound (healthy in faith) in charity (love) in patience (perseverance). The aged men should be a living godly example for other younger men.

Verse 3 – As a follow on to the prior verse Paul states that the aged (older) women should behave themselves in like manner as godly women, rather than those that are false accuser (liars), not given to much wine (not drunkard) who are able to teach the younger women good and proper things about living a godly life.

Verse 4 – Godly aged and mature women should be able to teach the other young women to be sober and dignified in behavior, to love their husband, and to love their children. The older women in the local church should teach by being an example of how to live a godly life.

Verse 5 – The older women should be able to teach the younger women to be discreet (modest and decent) in behavior and dress. They should be able to teach them by example that the younger women be chaste which means to be sexually pure, not a fornicator. The older women should instruct the younger women to be good keepers of their homes, and to be obedient to their own husband which means to be submissive to his role as the head of the family. They should teach that the Word of God be not blasphemed (curse, or cussed) or used in a foul way.

- 1Timothy 5:14

Verse 6 – The older and mature women are to encourage the younger men to be soberminded, which means to behave sensibly, wisely and with self-control as a child of God.

Verse 7 – The older women should in everything they do present themselves as an example of good works, and never compromising in the Word of God while maintaining the seriousness of mind.

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Verse 8 – The older and mature women should always speak in a Godly way so that those that oppose or disagree with them will not be able to condemn or criticize them, nor be ashamed of them while having nothing evil to say against them.

Verse 9 – This verse states that a slave or servant should obey their masters and please them in all they do. However, this statement is often misunderstood, it is not encouraging nor condoning slavery, the verse simply states that a slave or servant who is obedience unto his master is a testimony to the grace of God and the power of the gospel.

Verse 10 – Being able to endure the role of a slave by not purloining or stealing but by showing good fidelity (trustworthiness) that they may love the Word of God in all things. The type of slavery which the bible primarily speak about is debt slavery, which someone is enslaved to work off a debt. The Word of God strongly forbid any human from enslaving and selling another human.

- Ephesians 6:5-9
- 1Timothy 6:1
- 1Peter 2:18
- Galatians 3:27-29
- Exodus 21:16