

THE TRANSFORMATIVE GOSPEL: ELDERS TOO!

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TITUS Chapter 2

English Standard Version (ESV)

1 But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine. **2 Older men** are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness. **3 Older women** likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, **4** and so train the **young women** to love their husbands and children, **5** to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled. **6** Likewise, urge the **younger men** to be self-controlled. **7 Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, 8 and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.** **9** Slaves are to be submissive to their own masters in every-

thing; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, **10** not pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, **12** training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, **13** waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, **14** who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

15 Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

CONTEXT/BACKGROUND:

The Apostle Paul has left Missionary Titus on the island of Crete to straighten out messed up churches.

The churches had problematic leaders, doctrine and behavior.

In **Titus 1:5-9** Titus is told to appoint godly elders in the churches. Character and doctrine.

In **Titus 1:10-16** Titus is told to get rid of the ungodly, fake deceivers that they have for leaders.

In **Titus Chapter 2** The focus shifts from the LEADERS to the CONGREGATION.

Notice the inseparable link between believing right and living right.

vs 1 *But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine.*

vs 2-6 Instruction to all adults by age and gender:

vs 7-8 Instruction to Titus. (TODAY'S MESSAGE)

vs 9-10 Instruction to slaves.

vs 11-14 THE GOSPEL of GOD'S GENEROUS GRACE THROUGH JESUS gives the reason and the power to live like this! And this shows GOD to the world.

OLDER MEN	OLDER WOMEN
YOUNGER MEN	YOUNGER WOMEN

THE ELDER/LEADER'S EXAMPLE:

'Show yourself [TITUS] in all respects to be a model of good works...' vs 7

Notice that leaders are considered a part of the congregation.

Notice that leaders are an example to the congregation.

The Idea of Showing vs. Showing Off:

Doesn't Jesus condemn acts of righteousness in front of others? Matt. 6:1 MOTIVES!

Is Paul being prideful when He says, 'ACT LIKE ME'?

1 Corinthians 11:1; Philippians 3:17; 4:9

7 Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, **8** and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.

Here we see the MAWL Process of Gospel Missions: **JESUS, PAUL, and others for 2,000 years.**

<u>MODEL</u>	Matt. 9:35-10 1 Cor. 11:1	(Jesus models ministry and expects disciples to do the same) (Paul says Imitate me as I imitate Christ.)
<u>ASSIST</u>	Mark 6:35-41 1 Thess. 3:6	(Jesus allows the disciples to assist in feeding the 5,000) (Paul uses Timothy to help by going to Thessalonica for him)
<u>WATCH</u>	John 4:1-2 2 Tim. 2:1-2	(Jesus delegates baptism to His disciples) (Paul watches Timothy; tells him to entrust what he has been given to others)
<u>LEAVE</u>	Acts 1:7-11 Acts 20:18-38	(Jesus commissions His disciples and ascends to the Father) (Paul tells the Ephesians elders that he will not see them again).

Model what? GOOD WORKS.

Ephesians 2:8-10

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

“Faith alone saves, but faith that saves is never alone.”

Keep in mind:

A person’s teaching will have no more validity than their own example.

THE ELDER/LEADER’S TEACHING:

A) His teaching must show integrity or purity. (literally ‘indestructible’)

It cannot be laced with other things. 1 Corinthians 2:2

It cannot be lacking the whole truth. Matthew 28:18-20

It cannot be leaning toward another meaning.

B) His teaching must show dignity. (‘seriousness’)

This does not rule out humor, but it does rule out shallow instruction.

Why trade the eternal for the mundane? 1 Timothy 2:1-5

C) His teaching must show sound speech. (‘wholesome’)

Shock/corrosive preaching, entertainment preaching, spectacle preaching, etc.

We must **live** and **teach** in such away that if someone is going to reject Christ, it is the message they have a problem with, not the messenger.

May our Good News of Jesus be clear to others by our words and our deeds.