

Titus 2

Paul has set certain parameters and qualifications and now comes down to personal application.

v.1 But as for you, speak the things- this is what we are to be focusing on, not looking at current issues and trends and seeing finding Scripture to relate but looking at Scripture and seeing how situations fit in. We don't examine the Bible in light of things going on, rather we examine what is going on in light of Scripture.

- proper- KJV says become sound doctrine- stand out, be conspicuous

v.2 older men- more mature in the faith

- sober- nephaleos, nay-fal'-eh-os; sober, i.e. (fig.) circumspect--sober, vigilant.

- reverent- semnos, sem-nos'; venerable, i.e. honorable:--grave, honest.

- temperate- self controlled, discreet

- sound in faith- healthy, uncorrupted

- in love- agape

- in patience- cheerful or hopeful endurance, patient continuance

v.3 older women- again more mature in faith

- reverent in behavior- lifestyle and manner of living in accordance with holiness

- not slanderers- diabolos- same word used as a title for Satan, false accuser

- not given to much wine- not a bondservant (same word as opening of epistle) to wine- word is also used figuratively of being intoxicated or controlled by anything of the world

- teachers of good things

v.4 Paul says the older women are to minister to the younger ones

- admonish- teach or train

- love their husbands and children-not agape but phileo- be fond of , like them

- discreet - same word as temperate for men above

- chaste- innocent, modest, pure

- homemakers- oikouros, oy-koo-ros'; (a guard; be "ware"); a stay-at-home, i.e. domestically inclined (a "good housekeeper")--keeper at home.

- doesn't mean that a wife cannot work outside the home or have a career but the home is her responsibility, not so much the physical things like cooking, cleaning and laundry but the atmosphere

- good

- obedient- in subjection and under the authority of-
see *Ephesians 5:22-33*
- that the Word of God may not be blasphemed

v.6 exhort- parakeleo- come alongside and help
- younger men likewise soberminded

v.7 show yourself -parecho, par-ekh'-o; i.e. present, afford, exhibit, furnish
occasion:--bring, do, give, keep, minister, offer

- pattern- to be modeled after-(*Phil 3:16-17 NKJV*) *Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind. {17} Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.*

- in doctrine- show integrity, reverence, incorruptibility- not letting anything else creep in

- sound speech that cannot be condemned

v.9 servants in and out of church- Phil.2 attitude

v.10 adorn the doctrine- we give people the good news of salvation, our lives and walk adorn it, make it appealing. Some today try to adorn the things of God with prosperity doctrines, being soft on sin, etc. But the real adornment is the witness of a holy life.

v.11- 14 we are between two appearings- the manifestation of grace is preparing us for the manifestation of glory- it teaches or disciplines us in three areas

- deny- ungodliness and worldly lust- unlearn it, get it out

- live- soberly, righteously, and godly

- look for the Blessed Hope of His appearing

(*Acts 1:9-11 NKJV*) *Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. {10} And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, {11} who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."*

-see *1 Thessalonians 4*

- (*2 Pet 3:8-12 NKJV*) *But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. {9} The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come*

to repentance. {10} But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. {11} Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, {12} looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

(1 John 3:2-3 NKJV) Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. {3} And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

v.14- He has already accomplished this for us

- redeemed us from lawless deed
- purified us
- His own special people
- a Zealot for good works- fanatic, on fire

v.15 This is our role, come alongside and help, rebuke, let no one despise the authority of office