

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 03 March 2013..... 1Timothy 1:1-20..... Follow Sound Doctrine
- 2) 10 March..... 1Timothy 2:1-15..... Please God in Worship
- 3) 17 March..... 1Timothy 3:1-4:16..... Honor God in Your Service
- 4) 24 March..... 1Timothy 5:1-6:2..... Care for Others
- 5) 31 March..... Matthew 28:1-20..... Believe in the Risen Lord
- 6) 07 April..... 1Timothy 6:3-21..... Pursue Spiritual Gifts
- 7) 14 April..... 2Timothy 1:1-18..... Be Loyal
- 8) 21 April..... 2Timothy 2:1-26..... Be Strong in God's Work
- 9) 28 April..... 2Timothy 3:1-17..... Be Guided by God's Word
- 10) 05 May..... 2Timothy 4:1-22..... Be Persistent to the End
- 11) 12 May..... Titus 1:1-16..... Look for Qualified Spiritual Leaders
- 12) 19 May..... Titus 2:1-15..... Look for Spiritual Excellence
- 13) 26 May..... Titus 3:1-15..... Look for Good Works

INTRODUCTION

- Titus receives instructions for how people of all ages, married and single, need to behave themselves within and without the church

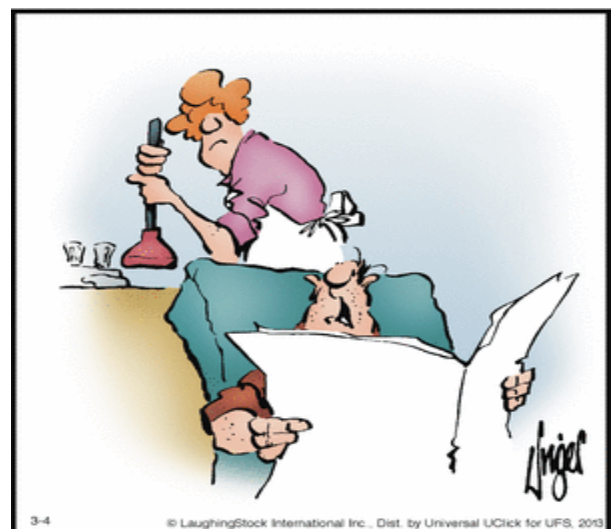
Passage	Comments
Titus 2:1-5	<p>Aging Gracefully</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v1. "You must speak things..." – Remaining quiet is not an option when it comes to expounding sound doctrine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ False teachings need to be boldly tackled, yet with meekness so as to graciously win a convert ♦ A healthy faith is achieved with healthy leaders who inspire and motivate with Christ-like love, else we just have another hollow religion with rules to follow • v2. Older men are singled out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Temperate – even keel, predictable, easy to be with ♦ Dignified – Sincere, honest ♦ Sensible – Mature, sober, discreet ♦ Sound in Faith – able to live out their faith ♦ Sound in (agape) Love – sacrificially serves others ♦ Sound in Perseverance – no fear in tough times • vv3-5. Older women are singled out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Reverent Behavior – genuine, respectful ♦ Not Malicious Gossips – Tells the truth in love ♦ Not Enslaved to Much Wine – No addictions ♦ Teach what is good to encourage younger women: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How to love their family with a philo/friendship type love 2. To be sensible 3. To be pure 4. To be literally ""home keepers" 5. To be kind 6. To be subjective to their own husbands so God's word is not dishonored
2:6-8	<p>Demonstrating Integrity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v6. Young men are singled out to be "sensible" which would make them 'mature for their age' • vv7-8. Paul gives Titus (who was in an Elder role) 3 additional qualifications <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be an example of good deeds – IOW, let your light so shine before men that they might see your good works & glorify God..... Mat 5:16 (Paul also told the Ephesian elders to support the weaker church members, Acts 20:34-35) 2. Pure/uncorrupted doctrine – which is provable in the light of Scripture 3. Sound in Speech – No coarse jesting, able to teach the Scriptures, respectful to all
2:9-10	<p>Working Faithfully to Present a Positive Testimony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul never advocated rebelling against authority

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2:11-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bondslaves/employees are to be subjective to their masters/employers in everything! – Any exceptions? • ...and to be well-pleasing – Is this kiss-up to the boss? • ...and not to be argumentive • ...and not to pilfer • ...but show "good faith" – IOW, trustworthiness, can-do attitude, high-value, low maintenance employee <p>Living Righteously</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v11. "...the Grace of God has appeared..." – i.e., Jesus Christ made salvation free and available to anyone willing to put their God-given faith in Him <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ There are only 2 religions in the world <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One where man must do something to earn the favor of a god 2. One where God has done something for man to receive God's favor (eternal life) → Christianity • V12. Instructions for us: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Deny ungodliness – e.g., avoid risqué TV shows 2. Avoid worldly desires – e.g., fame & fortune 3. Live sensibly – i.e., be low maintenance 4. Live righteously – i.e, be obedient to God's word 5. Live godly – do all things heartily for the Lord • v13. "Look for the blessed hope..." – a heaven-focus • v14. "...zealous for good deeds." - God's people have a built-in desire to perform, to obey, which will be perfected when God completes that which He started • v15a. "...speak (sound doctrine), exhort, reprove with all authority" – this is an Elder function to keep the church safe and moving in the right direction • v15b. "...Let no one disregard you" – IOW, 'be on your toes' and don't give anyone a reason to find fault

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- These are good topics to implement behavior modifications for any age group, gender, or profession

NEXT WEEK: Titus 3. Paul highlights the need for believers to engage in "good deeds" to meet pressing needs of others around us and to generate eternal fruit to our credit



"Can't you make less noise when you eat?"

A little "sound speech" and a lot more "agape" love would prevent another "Missing Husband" report