

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 02 June 2019.....1Timothy 1.....Entrusted
- 2) 09 June.....1Timothy 2.....On Mission
- 3) 16 June.....1Timothy 3.....Setting the Example
- 4) 23 June.....1Timothy 4.....Staying the Course
- 5) 30 June.....1Timothy 5.....Being Responsible
- 6) 07 July.....1Timothy 6.....Lasting Investments
- 7) 14 July.....2Timothy 1.....Confidence
- 8) 21 July.....2Timothy 2.....Focused
- 9) 28 July.....2Timothy 3.....Diligent
- 10) 04 August.....2Timothy 4.....Enduring
- 11) 11 August.....Titus 1.....Living with Opposition
- 12) 18 August.....Titus 2.....Living with Integrity
- 13) 25 August.....Titus 3.....Living to Do

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 <u>must</u> 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 strong faith is achieved with strong 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. To love their family with a friendship type love (*) 2. To be sensible, (3) pure, and (4) kind 5. To be “home keepers” 6. To be subjective to their own husbands so God’s word is not dishonored
	<p>(*) Family Love: The wife is commanded to love her husband and children with a “phileo” or friendship type of love. Another way to put it, wives are to tolerate their husband & kids.</p> <p>Consider this. Many wives throughout much of history did not marry for love, but possibly for convenience sake, or to survive, or to avoid prostitution, or they were in an arranged or a forced marriage. So this command for a Christian wife to tolerate or act friendly toward her unwanted husband & kids was HUGE. The only command bigger was when husbands were commanded to love their wives with an “agape” or self-sacrificing love as Christ loves us... Eph 5:25</p>
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

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2:9-10	<p>Working Faithfully to Present a Positive Testimony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul never advocated rebelling against authority • Bondslaves/employees are to be subservient to their masters/employers in everything! Any exceptions? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> When we are asked to work the weekends? <input type="checkbox"/> When we are asked to violate biblical ethics? • ...and to be well-pleasing. Is this kiss-up to the boss? • ...and not to be argumentative. We can't question stuff? • ...and not to pilfer • ...but show “good faith” – IOW, trustworthiness, can-do attitude, high-value, low maintenance employee
2:11-15	<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

- What makes it difficult for us to exhibit these Christ-like attributes?
 - Pride? Selfishness? Boss is a Jerk? Spouse is unloving?
 - ♦ Such excuses will NOT let us off the hook. We are accountable.
- These are great principles to implement behavior modifications for any gender, age group, 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 some “phileo” or “agape” love would prevent another “Missing Husband” report