

## TIT 2.0



### NT10: TITUS

((TITUS CHAPTER 2))/PRAY

Last week we finished chapter ONE of this incredible book—which IS why (then) we read CHAPTER TWO together (just a second ago)---And will begin our study of that CHAPTER TODAY.

HOWEVER—before we do that—there are a few things that I need to LAYOUT (for you) as that WHICH will SET the stage to WHERE will be GOING...

AND what those ARE --ARE THIS: The UNIFYING THEME---(AND)---WHERE we left off (subject-wise) in CHAPTER ONE (and you should see both of those things on the power-point behind me) RIGHT NOW...

#### **The Missionary's Operations Manual**

---This we have determined to be the unifying theme/title of the book under which all of its individual subjects FIT UNDER and are related to...

AND the subject we left OFF—in our study of CHAPTER ONE---was the SECOND of two subjects: the first being what the missionary exists for (iow: what his mission is)---and secondly then--

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#### **S2 = How the missionary advances his mission**

--Which is the subject PAUL CONTINUES to give instruction ON in chapter TWO—at least as it relates to verses 1 through 10---the verses we will specifically concern ourselves w/ TODAY --they (too) have this as their SUBJECT....

How the missionary advances his mission---Or (another way of putting it)...How he is successful in accomplishing THAT mission...

And there were two pieces/points of instruction related to that (which we saw in chapter ONE)---the missionary advances his mission by planting sound churches and the missionary does it also by protecting the sound gospel...

--Which means that WHAT we find in VERSES 1 through 10 (of chapter two) represents THIRD WAY in which he does this—and here is what that is...

-THE MISSIONARY advances his mission NOT only by planting sound churches and protecting the sound gospel BUT ALSO...

### **3. by demanding sound behavior from all those professing the Christian faith**

\*This has already been discussed as it relates to those who will be leaders (elders) in the CHURCH—but it must also be true of its congregants AS WELL...

ALL are to be demonstrating—and growing IN---sound/godly behavior...

AND the missionary (of God) must demand it—if he is to be successful in HIS MISSION.

**((1))**

**“But as for you” = In contrast to the speech/actions of the \*gospel rebels.**

\*(v1:10: the empty talkers and deceivers; v1:11: those upsetting entire households; those teaching things they should not teach; v1:16: those claiming to know God but by such teaching and their actions of evil, laziness, lying and even legalism, deny God)

**“speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine” = Demand the behavior fitting (or congruent w/) the sound gospel.**

-(IOW) SEE to it that those claiming to have embraced the sound gospel (of Christ as both Savior AND Lord—which means then a life which conforms to godly/Christ-like behavior-Tit 1:1; 1Ti 6:3) are ACTUALLY behaving in this way!

--DEMAND it from them!!

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\* Support for saying “sound doctrine” refers to “sound gospel” = this is what “sound doctrine” specifically refers to in (1:9) based on what we find in the verses that follow (10-16)

\*\*Support for saying that “speak” refers to “demand” = ((6))-“Likewise urge...demand”...also implied in VERSE ((9))

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-SOUND BEHAVIOR---behavior which matches our profession (of Christ as Lord/Boss) (then) is (ALSO) what the missionary MUST demand/urge from the lives of the those professing to be believers IN the MISSION FIELD where he is working and WITHIN the CHURCHES he plants....he MUST (also) demand it from himself.

WHAT (then) this sound/godly behavior looks like is the focus of the remaining verses in this section:

In re: to “Older men...(and) older women ” = **((2-3))**

-The items in these two lists match up very closely to what we find in 1Timothy 3:8-12 regarding the qualifications for diakonos members (or mature members) in the CHURCH—telling us that what Paul is getting AT—when he speaks uses the terms “older man” and older woman” is NOT physical age—BUT spiritual age!

-These (iow) are identifying what MATURE BELIEVERS should look/ behave like—this is what will characterize them (in GENERAL)—AND in the CHURCH.

-Spiritually mature/diakonos men will BE in control of their emotions (“temperate”), serious versus silly (“dignified”), thinking logically through things (“sensible”) and demonstrating to all that they have a very healthy (“sound”) faith (i.e they are devoted disciples of Christ and His Word)—as well as the fact that they possess healthy relationships w/others (they are “sound...in love”) and are able to endure the trials which life brings w/o flaking out (iow: they are not fickle---quitting stuff the moment it gets tough).

-Spiritually mature/diakonos women will ALSO be those things (“likewise are to be reverent in their behavior”)---WITH a special focus of the issues of GOSSIP, ADDICTIONS—such as alcoholism (“not malicious gossips or enslaved to much wine”)—and **ADDITIONALLY** an AWARENESS of their actions as that which teaches/encourages (through example) the spiritually younger women **((3c-5))**—“**workers at home**” **BTW is about working not the home—((1Ti 5:11-14)).**

-1Timothy 3 (BTW) also singles out these things as a special focus for diakonos women ((1Ti 3:11: “temperate” = not addicted to much wine (ex. Temperance Movement 19<sup>th</sup> cent.); “faithful in all things” = teaching what is good).

\*This is why I say that Paul’s instruction for the mature women to teach by example (versus teaching in the formal sense). B/C 1Ti 3:11’s “faithful in all things” is the parallel—or synonym to this—which clearly refers to actions—not words.

\*\*This (BTW) also means that WHAT 2:3 is not establishing is women teachers---or---women leading womens’ bible studies! As we have already seen, the role of teaching biblical doctrine has been given to men (most specifically the elders) in the church. This makes sense SINCE they are those deemed to be the most qualified—And WHY would a woman want anything less?

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-Notice there is mention (also) of young men (meaning spiritually young in the faith—men) **((5))**---again “sensible” here refers to logical thinking (or thinking which is guided by fact NOT feelings)—this is the KEY to gaining maturity SINCE w/o possessing logical/fact driven thinking first-- NOTHING ELSE will be attainable (MIND,WILL and EMOTIONS).

-This (then) is what the missionary must demand of young men in the faith (“Urge the young men...”)

-They must learn to control their thinking according to the FACTS (i.e. most esp. the facts/truth of God’s Word—1Jo 2:14)

-As was mentioned, sound behavior is ALSO something the missionary must demand from himself (as well)—he is to be the EXAMPLE of it **((7-8)).**

\*The fact that Paul calls him to be an example re-enforces ALL the MORE his need to be qualified and ordained as an elder/pastor before he enters into missionary work—since THESE are the examples God has given to His flock (1Pe 5:3).

-Finally PAUL also mentions WHAT this OSUND BEHAVIOR is to be/look like in the workplace—since our witness NEEDS to be maintained –NOT just when we are in CHURCH—or w/God’s people—BUT (also) when we are IN the WORLD and the WORKPLACE.

**((9-10))**

-Our behavior as Christians in the workplace is a popular subject in the NT –and that b/c this is HOW we show our submission to Christ (by submitting to them) as well as our willingness to suffer for Christ (as Christ did in an unjust situation entrusting Himself to God’s will)-- (1Pe 2:13-20).

-Our workplace attitude and behavior is a better reflection of who we are spiritually (as well as how mature we are spiritually)---WHY? ---b/c there I express my true feelings ABOUT authority and submission (something the GOSPEL and following Christ is all about!---If I won’t do it there—THEN I am not doing it in relation to Christ (which is why the NT also connects the two—Eph 6:6-8; Col 3:22-25— this is also the meaning behind 1Pe 3:15).

-THIS (too) then the missionary of GOD must demand from those he is discipling and bringing to faith in Christ---that they have SOUND BEHAVIOR in the workplace...

-AND that b/c (once more) SOUND BEHAVIOR is ONE of the keys to his success in the mission field.

*(Which brings me to what I want to close our time out w/ today—something else given to us in these verses—which is...)*

\*WHY this IS SO IMPORTANT to the missionary’s success

-Why (iow) sound behavior is so KEY to him DOING the work of preaching, planting and protecting—and producing fruit (in that mission field) which is genuine and will last...

*(three reasons in TOTAL)...*

**a) b/c it will defend against Christians getting the bad reputation of hypocrites.**

**((8b))**

**“bad to say about us” = (IOW) that we don’t practice what we preach (i.e we are hypocrites!)**

**“opponent” = Essentially any and all who WB inclined to think that we are hypocrites—most esp. though--the antinomians and legalists (since these are the only ones who could be identified as opponents thus far in the book).**

\*WHY this WB true for antinomians and legalists:

-antinomians don’t think anyone CAN live a godly/Christ-like life.

=legalists don’t think anyone can live a godly life w/o their extra man-made rules and traditions (i.e. alcohol prohibition is the only way to ensure that people don’t abuse it).

*(why else sound behavior is so important to the missionary's success)...*

**b) b/c it will keep God's Word from being dishonored**

**((5b))**

**“dishonored” = βλασφημῆται (blasphemy) = to revile or slander, to speak evil of something/someone (2Sa 12:14; Act 26:11; 1Ti 1:20)**

-This (too) is the consequences of not practicing what we preach---people will NOT ONLY speak evil of US—BUT (also) our GOD and His holy WORD.

\*The result of this = it will CEASE to have any effect on their lives (since now they see it all as a joke).

\*\*Food for thought: This I believe is the BIGGEST reason why people in this country will MAKE FUN of CHRISTIANITY (and the things said in GOD'S WORD) versus other religions (ex. Islam and the Koran). Not b/c they are afraid of violent retaliation, but (in a very real sense) they have far more respect for them having seen FAR MORE devotion to their religion and its rules—THAN what they see among so-called Christians.

**c) b/c it will make the gospel attractive to others.**

**((10b))**

**“adorn...in every respect” = κοσμέω (cosmetic) = to make attractive or beautiful (1Pe 3:5)**

**“the doctrine of our God and Savior” = the gospel message**

\*Support: Paul uses the same language back in 1:1-3 where he talks about the “truth according to godliness” and identifies it as the message which brings “hope of eternal life” ...the message he “proclaimed...according to the commandment of God our Savior”. This is clearly the gospel (as already discussed). It is also the only message which Paul was formally commanded to proclaim- (1Co 9:16).

-The GOSPEL (then) becomes UGLY and very undesirous to others when we fail to live it (this is why children “leave the faith” when they get older. NOT b/c they went to a secular college and learned about evolution—but b/c they grew up in a home where they saw hypocrisy and the Word of God dishonored in the behavior of their parents over and over again—to the point that the gospel message made them sick—b/c all it reminded them of—was that—something which is UGLY and unattractive—something that doesn't work.

-We don't want that!!!! AMEN?

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Well, that brings us to the end of our STUDY for TODAY ---NEXT week we will pick right up where we left off---And FINISH chapter 2—so (again) be reading this CHAPTER in preparation for our time TOGETHER.

LET'S PRAY