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Teaching older men/women, younger men/women, slaves...2:1-10

What is the *foremost* instruction Paul gives to Titus? 2:1

You must teach (utter words) sound (uncorrupted) doctrine (teaching). About words!

What do you teach the older men (believers in the church)? 2:2; ITim.5:1; Lev.19:32; IPet.5:8

Be sober(circumspect), dignified(worthy of respect), temperate, healthy faith, love, patient

What do you teach the older women (believers in the church)? 2:3; ITim.3:11, 5:13

Be reverent(deeply respectful), no gossips(devil, slanderer)/ excess drinking; teach good.

What do the older women teach the younger women? 2:4; ITim.2:9-10, 5:2

To love husbands/children, sensible, pure(chaste), 'stayer at home', kind, submissive.

And what is the purpose/goal of all of this teaching? 2:5b Rom.2:17-24

So the Word of God will not be dishonored (blasphemed, defamed). Works match words.

What is taught to the young men? 2:6-7a IPet.5:5

Likewise (all the same), be sensible. Titus, set them an example by doing what is good!

How is this example to be done? 2:7-8 ITim.4:12 What's one result? 2:8a Phil.2:14-16

With integrity, seriousness, absolutely sound speech. So that critics are silenced!

What do teach slaves? 2:9-10 IPet.2:18-25 What's the application for us today?

Be subject to their masters. Please them, no backtalk/stealing. Be trustworthy! Employee!

What does this kind of behavior actually do? 2:10b Mt.5:16

It makes the teaching about God our Savior (the Gospel), attractive. It 'lights' the Word!

What the Grace of God teaches everyone...2:11-15

What incredible truth does Paul remind us of in 2:11? Rom.5:1-2; Gal.2:20-21

The Gospel is that God saves sinners totally by His Grace through faith in Christ! Amen!

What does this saving Grace teach to those of us who receive it? 2:12a

To say 'No' to ungodliness / worldly passions, live self-controlled, upright, godly lives.

And what are we 'waiting' for, while living this life of Grace? 2:12b; IJn.3:2 see IThess.4:13-17

Our blessed hope, the glorious appearing of Jesus. Probably not the rapture. Rev.19:11-21

For what purpose did Christ give Himself for us? 2:14

To redeem (buy back) from all wickedness. To purify for Himself people eager to do good.

And finally, what is the reminder? 2:15 IITim.4:2

Teach these things! Encourage (positive), rebuke (negative), authoritatively. Take the lead!

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