

Titus 2:1-15 Scripture and application questions

But you are to proclaim things consistent with sound teaching. Older men are to be self-controlled, worthy of respect, sensible, and sound in faith, love, and endurance. In the same way, older women are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not slaves to excessive drinking.

They are to teach what is good, so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands and to love their children, to be self-controlled, pure, workers at home, kind, and in submission to their husbands, so that God's word will not be slandered. In the same way, encourage the young men to be self-controlled in everything.

Make yourself an example of good works with integrity and dignity in your teaching. Your message is to be sound beyond reproach, so that any opponent will be ashamed, because he doesn't have anything bad to say about us.

Slaves are to submit to their masters in everything, and to be well-pleasing, not talking back or stealing, but demonstrating utter faithfulness, so that they may adorn the teaching of God our Savior in everything.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, instructing us to deny godlessness and worldly lusts and to live in a sensible, righteous, and godly way in the present age, while we wait for the blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people for his own possession, eager to do good works. Proclaim these things; encourage and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

1. Take a look at the groups of people that Paul gives specific instruction to. Which group do you fit into to?
2. These are examples of what God's grace appearing in our lives looks like. Does anything he mention strike a chord in your own heart? What else would you add?
3. If these things are lived out in your life and others, what impact would it have? For example, Paul says that, by their actions, slaves have the opportunity to "adorn the teaching of God our Savior in everything." What is the result as the grace of God is revealed in these ways in your - and your brothers' and sisters' - lives?
4. In Crete, Paul wanted Titus to help the church live out these things. And, we all need help to live out the grace of God in our lives. What is one thing your brothers and sisters can do to help you "deny godlessness and worldly lusts and to live in a sensible, righteous, and godly way in the present age?"