

*Connecting the "Doctrinal" Dots:
Becoming Grounded in Biblical Truth!*
Titus 2:1-10 with other selected passages

**What's is the impact & influence of
the Church in today's culture?**

The Biblical Context =

Titus' role/responsibility: Spiritual **development & discipleship** within a culture where false teaching was extremely **destructive & dangerous!**

A BRIEF "SUMMARY" of Titus 2:1-15

1. An **EXHORTATION** to Titus . . . {2:1}
2. The **EXPECTATIONS** for church members . . . {2:2-10}
3. The **EXAMPLE** of Titus' ministry . . . {2:7-8}
4. The **EFFECTS** that come from "grace" . . . {2:11-14}
5. The **EMPHASIS** of Titus' ministry . . . {2:15}

The Biblical Content =

Four INTERSECTIONS where God's Word collides with every day life!

—1—Our **BEHAVIOR** is a reflection of what we **BELIEVE!** {2:1}

- Observe the CONTRAST between false teachers & Titus
- "Speak" = communicate/conversation/teach & explain
- "sound doctrine" = accurate biblical truth
- "the things which are fitting" = related to sound doctrine (behavior)

—2—Our **RESPECT** for biblical authority is a reflection of our **REVERENCE** for God & His Word! {2:2-5}

- Observe the specific sequence: older men, older women, etc . . .
- 1. This sequence strongly suggests honor given to those who are older.
- 2. Also older men & women are called to live as godly examples.
- Older people are expected to teach & train the younger people.

- Younger people are expected to listen & learn from older people.
- Notice the reason why this instruction is so important!
 1. God's Word is the "fountain of Truth." (Titus 1:5–15)
 2. "dishonored/maligned" = from root word for "blaspheme"
- 3—Our **PRACTICE** should **match** our **PREACHING!** {2:6-8}
 - Observe how the various words related to being self-controlled.
 - Notice the "instruction" for Titus to be a role model in word & deed.
 - Recognize how accurate biblical teaching leads to application in life.
 - When biblical truth is applied, our critics are "put to shame."
- 4—Our **ACTIONS** should make the Church **ATTRACTIVE!** {2:9-10}
 - Observe how every "essential" aspect of life is addressed by Paul.
 - "Slaves" = anyone with a duty to work, serve, fulfill an obligation. (Paul isn't condoning the concept of slavery; it was part of the cultural economy & he wasn't addressing this.)
 - Christian workers: submissive to authority; committed to a job well-done; respectful; honest; & loyal.
 - Notice the result: the teaching of God's Word is shown to be beneficial
 1. "adorn the doctrine" = from the root word for "cosmetic"
 2. Society can see that God's Word is true from its impact on our lives.

Applications from Today's Study

- 1) **It's absolutely vital that we are grounded in biblical truth!**
- 2) **Being grounded in biblical truth protects us from spiritual deception.**
- 3) **Biblical truth should lead to/result in righteous living that points others to Christ**

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