

Wholesome Teaching

FOR GODLY LIVING



Titus 2:1-10

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Titus 2:1–10 (NKJV)

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⁷ in all things showing yourself *to be* a pattern of good works; in doctrine *showing* integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, ⁸ sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you. ⁹ Exhort bondservants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all *things*, not answering back, ¹⁰ not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.

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SOUND DOCTRINE:

Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon

BDAG Barclay Newman Vincent's Vine's Word Pictures NT SyntaxMoodsTenses Strong's Thayer's WordStudiesHS HebrewSyntax

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υἱαίνω <G5198>; (υἱης); from Herodotus down; □to be sound, to be well, to be in good health□: properly, [Luke 5:31](#); [7:10](#); [15:27](#); ([3 John 2](#)); metaphorically, the phrase υἱαίνειν τη πιστει (Buttmann, sec. 133, 19) is used of one whose Christian opinions are free from any admixture of error, [Titus 1:13](#); τη πιστει, τη αγαπη, τη ὑπομονη, (cf. Buttmann, as above), of one who keeps these graces sound and strong, [Titus 2:2](#); ἡυἱαίνουσαδιδασκαλια, the sound *i.e.* true and incorrupt doctrine, [1 Timothy 1:10](#); [2 Timothy 4:3](#); [Titus 1:9](#); [2:1](#); also λόγοι υἱαίνοντες (Philo de Abrah. sec. 38), [1 Timothy 6:3](#); [2 Timothy 1:13](#), (υἱαίνουσαιπερι Θεων δοξαι και αληθεις, Plutarch, de aud. poet. c. 4).*

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72.15 ὑγιαίνω^b: (derivative of ὑγιής^b ‘right, accurate,’ 72.14) to be correct in one’s views, with the implication of such a state being positively valued—‘to be correct, to be sound, to be accurate.’ ἔλεγχε αὐτοὺς ἀποτόμως, ἵνα ὑγιαίνωσιν ἐν τῇ πίστει ‘rebuke them sharply that they might be correct in their faith’ **Tt 1:13**.

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But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine

- Sound doctrine in contrast with false doctrine — 1:10-14
- Sound doctrine is more than THEOLOGICAL - it is PRACTICAL — 1:1,16
- Sound doctrine is ESSENTIAL to living godly, harmonious & influential lives! — 2:1; 5:13-16; Phili 2:14-16

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² that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience;



- **“Be sober”** — **νηφάλιος**
nephthalios — restrained,
temperate; abstaining from
wine, not controlled by
anything other than the will of
God — “CLEAR HEADED” —
Prov. 14:15-18
- **“Reverent”** — **σεμνός**, dignified
[ESV], befitting behavior and
implying dignity and respect
— ‘honorable, of good
character.’ — Phil. 2:29-30

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■ **“Temperate”** — *sophron* (*σῶφρων*, 4998), “of sound mind” — “Self-control” - [ESV] / “avoidance of extremes and careful consideration for responsible action” - [BDAG] / not impulsive, not easily angered — Prov. 16:32;

■ **“Sound faith”** — *hugianiō* (*ὑγιαίνω*, 5198) “to be correct in one’s views,” ... to be accurate in what he believes & teaches — 2 Timothy 1:13

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■ **“Love”** — *agape* (ἀγάπη, 26), Having a sincere appreciation and high regard for the right things and for other people — To have correct values and affections — Mark 12:29-31; 1 Cor. 13:1-8; Jn. 13:35

■ **“Patience”** — *hupomone* (ὑπομονή, 5281) “capacity to continue to bear up under difficult circumstances — ‘endurance’ ... 2 Cor. 1:6

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³ the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things ...



- **“be reverent in behavior”** — hieroprepes (ἱεροπρεπής, 2412), from hieros, “sacred,” with the adjectival form of prepo, denotes “suited to a sacred character, that which is befitting in persons, actions or things consecrated to God,” - Behavior becoming godliness.
- **“Not slanderers”** — me diabolos (μὴ διάβολος, 3361, 1228), “False accusers” (KJV) / “not malicious gossips” (NASB) - 1 Tim 3:11; 2 Tim 3:3

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■ **“Not given to much wine”** — *me doulōo polus oinos* (μή δουλώω πολὺς οἶνος), (3361,1402,4183,3631), not enslaved to, (NASB) not a slave to (ESV), not addicted to (NIV), not under the power of, ... prohibition of addiction does NOT approve of moderate social use. (Pr. 23:29-35; 31:4,5; Ep. 5:18)

■ **“Teachers of good things”** — *kalodidaskalos* (καλοδιδάσκαλος, 2567) denotes “a teacher of what is good” — to train the young women ...

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⁴ that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,



■ **“To love their husbands”** —
philandros (φιλανδρος, 5362)
having affection for one’s husband.
A comprehensive term inclusive of
“due benevolence” (1 Cor 7:3),
being supportive, being devoted.

■ **“To love their children”** —
philoteknos (φιλότεκνος, 5388), from
phileo & *teknon*, “having affection
for one’s own offspring” — (sin
destroys that which should be
“natural” Rom 1:31) — love is
manifested first and foremost by
directing the child's heart towards
the Lord — (Deut 6:7-9)

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⁵ to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.



- **“To be discreet”** — *sophron* ([σῶφρων](#), 4998), “of sound mind self-controlled” being sensible and moderate in one’s behavior. (same GK word as “temperate” in 2:2, and “sober” in 2:12; cf. 1 Tim. 3:2 (sober-minded); Titus 1:8 (sober-minded))
- **“Chaste”** — *hagnos* ([ἁγνός](#), 53) — “being without moral defect or blemish and hence pure” — Phil. 4:8; 1 Tim. 5:22; Jas. 3:17; 1 John 3:3 (“pure”), 2 Cor. 11:2 “chaste virgin ” & 1 Pet. 3:2, “chaste conduct”

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- **“Homemakers”** — *oikourgos* (οἰκουρὸς, 3626), “working at home” — “manage the house” — 1 Tim. 2:10-15; 5:14; Pr. 7:11; 31:10-31
- **“Good”** — *agathon* (ἀγαθός, 18), Useful, beneficial — resulting in good deeds. (Ac. 9:36,39; 1 Ti. 5:10)
- **“Obedient to their own husbands”** — *hupotasso* (ὑποτάσσω, 5293), primarily a military term, “to rank under” to submit to the orders or directives — (1 Co. 11:3; Ep. 5:22–24, 33; Col. 3:18; 1 Ti. 2:11,12; 1 Pe. 3:1–5)

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- **“that the word of God may not be blasphemed.”** — *blasphemeo* (βλασφημέω, 987) to cause, or give occasion for others to “speak contemptuously of God or of sacred things” — (Rom. 2:24; 1 Tim. 5:14; 6:1)
- Whenever we fail to live according to “sound doctrine” we cause the doctrine of Christ to be spoken against, and diminished in the eyes of the world.
- Let us NEVER seek to minimize the harm done by our inconsistencies!

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⁶ Likewise, exhort the young men to be sober-minded, ⁷ in all things showing yourself *to be* a pattern of good works;



- **“To be sober-minded”** — *sophroneo* (σωφρονέω, 4993) signifies (a) “to be of sound mind,” or “in one’s right mind, sober-minded” — “to be temperate, self-controlled,” Titus 2:6, “to be sober-minded”; 1 Pet. 4:7, rv, “be ye ... of sound mind”
- **“Showing yourself *to be* a pattern of good works”** — Titus fit within this classification - In every aspect of life, Titus was to be an example. He was to teach in BOTH word & deed - as was Timothy, (1 Tim. 4:12)

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in doctrine *showing* integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, ⁸ sound speech that cannot be condemned,



■ **“In doctrine”** *didaskalia* (διδασκαλία, 1319) - his public teaching to be characterized by:

- ▶ **integrity**, — ἀδιαφθορία (*adiaphthoria*, 90) - sincerity
- ▶ **reverence**, — σεμνότης (*semmotes*, 4587) — dignity leading to respect— seriousness, etc.
- ▶ **incorruptibility**, — ἀφθαρσία (*aphtharsia*, 861), the state of not being subject to decay,
- ▶ ⁸ **sound speech** — not open to just rebuke (cf. synonym in I Tim. 6:4).

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⁸ sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.



- Paul warns against providing ammunition for unbelievers to use to ridicule the word of God — (cf. Rom. 2:17-24; 2 Sam. 12:14; Is. 52:5; Ezek. 36:22; Mat. 18:7)
- Far better, said the apostle, that they be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us — (Is. 66:5. Lu. 13:17. 2 Th. 3:14)
- They would not cease their attacks, of course, but they might at least be embarrassed — (1 Pet 4:4,5; 2 Pe. 2:12. Jude 10)

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- Slaves made up a significant portion of first-century congregations and were responsible to honor God with their lives — (1 Tim. 6:1).
- Paul listed five qualities which were to characterize Christians who found themselves serving others —

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- "Be **obedient** to their own masters" — Eph. 6:5; 1 Tim. 6:1; Rom. 13:1-7;
- "Be well **pleasing** in all *things* — Eph. 6:5-8;
- "**Not answering back**" — Not argumentative — Rom. 13:2;
- "**Not pilfering**" — Eph. 4:28;
- "But showing all **good fidelity**" trustworthy — Heb. 11:31-40;
- "**Adorn the doctrine of God** our Savior in all things" — 1 Pet. 3:3-4

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- God's grace that provides salvation has appeared to all — 2:11
- God's grace requires we turn away from sin and the world — 2:12
- God's grace requires we live holy lives — 2:12
- God's grace gives us hope - 2:13
- God's grace equips us to be zealous as God's special people to good works that He be glorified — 2:14,15

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SOUND DOCTRINE:

¹⁵ Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you.



- **Hear** the TRUTH — Rom 10:17
- **Believe** Jesus is the Son of God — Jn 8:24
- **Confess** Jesus as the CHRIST, the Son of God — Rom. 10:9,10; M. 10:32; Lk. 12:8; Acts 8:37
- **Repent**, turn from sin & to the Lord AS LORD — Lk 13:5;
- Be **baptized** — Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3
- **Follow** “sound teaching” & live godly — Jn 12:48; 2 Cor. 5:7-15

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1 Timothy 6:3–8 (NKJV)

³ If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, *even* the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness, ⁴ he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, ⁵ useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a *means of* gain. From such withdraw yourself. ⁶ Now godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can carry nothing out. ⁸ And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.