

## Sermon Study

\*Answers in ***bold italics***.

### Main Theme:

Healthy Doctrine should lead to holy living.

“The Christian’s life should put his minister’s sermon in print; he should preach that mystery every day to the eyes of his neighbors which the minister preaches to their ears.” -William Gurnall

### Conversation starter:

What marks a successful church? Why?

**“But as for you, teach what accords with *sound*<sup>1</sup> doctrine.” Titus 2:1**

What’s another way to define the greek term translated sound in verse 1?

***To be correct or accurate, conceived as being free from infirmity or disease; healthy.***

What is healthy teaching being contrasted with in 2:1?

***Unhealthy teaching Titus 1:14; 3:9. & Unholy living 1:10-16.***

Read Titus 2:2-15.

Which virtue is mentioned most?

***Self-control.***

Definition: Wisely keeping self-control over one’s passions and desires.

If a Christian practices habitual self-control, what does that say about the God he represents? What does it say if he doesn’t exhibit self-control?

**“Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, *sound* in faith, in love, and in steadfastness” Titus 2:2**

Steadfastness: the power to withstand hardship or stress; especially the inward fortitude necessary.

If we have older christian men that display steadfastness, what value would that have in the church? What impact might it have during persecution or trial?

**<sup>3</sup> *Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, <sup>4</sup> and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, <sup>5</sup> to be self-controlled, pure, working at home,***

**kind, and <sup>v</sup>submissive to their own husbands, <sup>w</sup>that the word of God may not be reviled.**

Why would the word of God be reviled if the older woman were drunk selfish gossips? Use Scripture to support your answer.

Why would the word of God be reviled if the young women hate their husbands, are annoyed with their children, and out of control? Use Scripture to support your answer.

**<sup>6</sup>Likewise, urge <sup>x</sup>the younger men to be self-controlled.**

Urge is in the present tense, meaning Titus needs to remind the young men continually.

**<sup>7</sup>Show yourself in all respects to be <sup>y</sup>a model of good works, and in your teaching <sup>z</sup>show integrity, <sup>a</sup>dignity, <sup>8</sup> and <sup>b</sup>sound speech that cannot be condemned, <sup>c</sup>so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.**

What are ways we can show ourselves “a model of good works”?

**<sup>9</sup><sup>d</sup>Bondservants<sup>2</sup> are to be submissive to their own masters <sup>e</sup>in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, <sup>10</sup> not pilfering, <sup>f</sup>but showing all good faith, <sup>g</sup>so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.**

How does holy living as described in verses 2-9 adorn the doctrine of God our Savior?

What does it say about the kind of church God desires?