



Adorning the Doctrine of God

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The Who's, How's, Why's, What's, and Where's of Titus 2

*. . . as for you speak the things which are fitting for **sound doctrine**, vs. 1.*

To whom is the Lord instructing Titus
to speak these words?

How do we live lives that “fit” what we believe?

Older men: *are to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in perseverance.*

Older women: *are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, so that they may encourage the young women*

Young women: *are to love their husbands, to love their children, to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands*

Young men: *to be sensible*

Bondslaves: *to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, not pilfering, but showing all good faith so that they will adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect.*

Why is it important to live our lives in keeping with what we believe?

. . . *speak the things which are **fitting for sound doctrine.***

*Older men are to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in perseverance. Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, **so that the word of God will not be dishonored.***

*Likewise urge the young men to be sensible; in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine, dignified, sound in speech which is beyond reproach, so that the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us. Urge bondslaves to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, not pilfering, but showing all good faith **so that they will adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect.***

~ **dishonor:** reviled, malign, blasphemed

~ **adorn:** make attractive

What is in keeping with the doctrine of God for young women?

For the grace of God has appeared,

1. bringing salvation to all men

2. instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires . . .

~ in loving our husbands

~ in loving our children

~ in being sensible, self-controlled, discreet

~ in being pure

~ in being workers at home

~ in being kind

3. instructing us . . . to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age,

~ in loving our husbands

*Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, . . . the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything . . . the wife must see to it that she respects her husband.
~ Ephesians 5:22-33*

~ in loving our children

*Do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.
~ Ephesians 6:4*

~ in being sensible, self~controlled, discreet

*Your adornment . . . let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.
~ 1 Peter 3:3-4*

~ in being pure

I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, . . . as is proper for women making a claim to godliness. ~ I Timothy 2:9-10

~ in being workers at home (Proverbs 31)

~ in being kind

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other . . . ~ Ephesians 4:32

Where do I find the ability to meet this incredible standard?

*For the **grace of God** has appeared . . .*

1. My hope

***Looking for** the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus.*

2. My motivation

Who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds. ~ Titus 2:11-14

3. My means

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work. ~ II Timothy 3:16-17

4. My prayer

Oh, God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus my Lord, equip me in every good thing to do Your will, working in me that which is pleasing in Your sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. ~ from Hebrews 13:20-21

The Proverbs 31 Woman

Her Worth

An excellent wife, who can find?
For her worth is far above jewels.
The heart of her husband trusts in her,
And he will have no lack of gain.
She does him good and not evil
All the days of her life.

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Her Work

She looks for wool and flax
And **WORKS** with her **hands** in delight.
She is like merchant ships;
She brings her food from afar.
She rises also while it is still night
And gives food to her household
And portions to her maidens.
She considers a field and buys it;
From her earnings she plants a vineyard.
She girds herself with strength
And makes her arms strong.
She senses that her gain is good;
Her lamp does not go out at night.
She stretches out her **hands** to the distaff,
And her **hands** grasp the spindle.
She extends her **hand** to the poor,
And she stretches out her **hands** to the needy.
She is not afraid of the snow for her household,
For all her household are clothed with scarlet.
She makes coverings for herself;
Her clothing is fine linen and purple.
Her husband is known in the gates,
When he sits among the elders of the land.
She makes linen garments and sells *them*,
And supplies belts to the tradesmen.

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Her Character

Strength and dignity are her clothing..... *STRONG*
And she smiles at the future..... *CONFIDENT*
She opens her mouth in wisdom..... *WISE*
And the teaching of kindness is on her tongue..... *KIND*
She looks well to the ways of her household *EFFICIENT*
And does not eat the bread of idleness *INDUSTRIOUS*

25-27

Her Praise

Her children rise up and bless her;
Her husband *also*, and he praises her, *saying*:
"Many daughters have done nobly,
But you excel them all."
Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain,
But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.
Give her the product of her **hands**,
And let her **WORKS** praise her in the gates.

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