

Titus 2:1-5

Sound Doctrine = Sound behavior Part 2

Last week - we starting looking at Paul's exhortation to Titus to teach sound doctrine **But as for you, speak the things which are proper or fitting for sound doctrine:**

Sound doctrine results in sound behavior -

A) Sound the word sound in the Greek comes from a word that gives us our word hygiene in English

B) The word sound actually means that which is wholesome and so that which gives health.

C) It refers to making sick people whole.

So give yourself to teaching sound doctrine: So that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience; 3 the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things—4 that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

6 Likewise, exhort the young men to be sober-minded, 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.

Last week we gave our attention to the older men - those over 50 in the church - who are to be examples to the younger men

A) Tonight we are going to pick up - looking at the older women - who are to be examples to the younger women.

B) Paul is telling us that the health of any church is going to be in the example that is being set by the older crowd.

C) V.3 the older women **likewise**, {like the older men} that they be reverent in behavior

Reverent= Sacred, holy, consecrated to God.

A) This word is one that was used to describe the entire Jewish temple complex -

B) How it was sacred, and consecrated, set apart for the use of God.

C) Paul is using this word in describing both the older men and the older women in the church - to say this:

1) Like the Temple was designated for a unique purpose for God

D) Older men and Women - you exist in the church for a unique purpose for God.

This quite frankly is something that we don't take seriously enough.

A) The older men and women have a CALLING - to set an example for what Godliness looks like

B) We have a CALLING in the church to set the pace in our service - set the pace in be examples of good husbands and fathers.

C) **Perspective is everything:** If your perspective is merely to live your life - make a lot of money - retire comfortably.

1) You are merely living to exist - not seeing the big picture

Our calling is to be setting this up for those who are coming behind us

A) In our families - we are called to be setting an example of godliness for our sons and daughters.

B) Our sons need to be learning how to treat women by watching us -

1) how to treat their future wives by watching us.

C) The young men and women in the church are also to learn from watching us.

D) Learning how to serve Jesus - to invest in the body.

E) So it is important that we understand the role that we are to play in the church - trail blazers

1) Don't take that lightly

The older women are CALLED - they have a calling to be reverent - set apart consecrated in their behavior.

A) **Behavior - speaks of their actions, their speech, their conduct, their demeanor and their dress.**

B)They would carry themselves and present themselves as ladies who know they are consecrated to God.

C)They have a purpose of presenting holiness to God.

Now he is going to get specific on their behavior:

A)Their speech: Not Slanders - malicious gossips - a word in the Greek that is used 34 times of the devil!

B)It literally means to throw things at people. A godly woman will not repeat damaging stories about others.

C)She will not spread rumors or half-truths that damage someone's reputation.

Now isn't it interesting that this is not mentioned in the list regarding the older men? - Can men be guilty of gossip? - Absolutely

A)But women in general are more verbal and open - retreats - women are bonding on night one. - Men maybe day 3

B)So Paul mentions this for the older women because this is can be a bigger issue among women than men.

C)Men I think we have to help our wives in this area - gentle reminders when we hear them going that direction in a conversation.

As parents: Be very careful - the way that you talk about the church and people in the church around your kids.

A)I know kids who have been so tainted and want nothing to do with the church -

B)they grew up listening to their parents complain about church and the people in the church.

C)You want your kids to think - church is the greatest place to be - made up of the most wonderful people

D)And when they get to the age where they can start to see the discrepancies in the body -

1)Then you can have intelligent and fruitful conversations about how the body is flawed - full of broken people - all broken

E)What it means to give grace to one another.

So older women are to be good examples in their speech

A)Not given to much wine - - it is interesting these two are side by side - **there is often a connection between a loose tongue and alcohol.**

B)The point here once again is the same as an elder in chapter 1 - not given to - the idea - not addicted to.

C)The Bible doesn't prohibit drinking alcohol - it prohibits drunkenness - drunkenness is a sin - drinking isn't

1)Define Drunkenness ? Falling over Drunk ? - Or it is the legal limit

D)I think the legal limit comes into play! Legally drunk - we are supposed to as believers obey the laws of the land

Someone might say - I wasn't drunk - but they were over the legal limit -

A)Constitutes being drunk - which is it?

B)Friend at a wedding - drinking - he was going to have his wife drive home? Talking later - why?

1)Were you drunk - no? Then why? **Bate him**

C)We have to be honest about drunkenness

But this is what we also need to understand about this passage others like it -

A)The Lord is taking this beyond drunkenness to addiction and dependence -

B)I think according to God's word if a person needs alcohol to help them sleep or relax - or get in the right state for a meeting

1)That is being given to it

C)Guys who carry around a flax - that is being given to it

D)God doesn't want us to be given to anything but his only spirit

It is not a coincidence that the Lord uses this language in Ephesians 5:18 Don't be drunk with wine - but be filled with the Spirit

A) There is to be a marked difference in what we are given to as followers of Jesus.

B) If you have that liberty - keep it to yourself - not stumble or offend those who don't

C) So the godly woman who is to be an example to the younger ladies is to not be given to wine - given to Jesus and the HS

Teachers of what is good: Teachers of good things

A) The teaching here is both oral and practical

B) Good = beautiful - teaching with words and how they live how to be truly beautiful and godly

C) Paul defines what those good and beautiful things are in v.4 that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children

1) Really it is HOW to love them.

Young moms - love their husbands and kids -

A) But they sometimes don't know what it is supposed to look like to love them

B) The Greek word for love is one that denotes the idea of building friendship with their husband and kids

C) Sometimes life can be a struggle - hard for young wives to find the balance -

1) The older wives are to help them do that.

D) Our ladies through the years here have been very intentional about this -

1) Discipleship - Pinterest and proverbs
KNOW THE TARGET aiming at

The older women are to help the younger women to know how to be V.5 discreet = in control of their impulses and passions

A) Chaste = sexually pure in their behavior and dress - not flirts

B) Homemakers - Good at taking care of the home.

C) Now does this mean that a woman can't work a job outside of the home?

I think that has been erroneously taught in the church - women stay home and cook and clean and take care of the kids.

A) Problem with that picture is then you look at the Proverbs 31 woman and she is admonished for being a great homemaker and wife

B) But she is also praised for being resourceful - good business woman

She finds wool and flax and busily spins it.

14 She is like a merchant's ship, bringing her food from afar. She goes to inspect a field and buys it; with her earnings she plants a vineyard.

17 She is energetic and strong, a hard worker.

She makes belted linen garments and sashes to sell to the merchants

C) So which is it? Stay at home or work? It can be both.

Here is my personal convictions

A) When the kids are young and not in school or school age - I think mom needs to be home - raising those kids

B) When the kids get older can go to school if she doesn't home school them - she can work.

1) But I think mom should be home when the kids get home from school

C) The nice thing about our culture today - Women can actually get jobs where they are working from home

1) Plan their days around doing both - taking care of the home and house as well as making some income.

D) But her number 1 priority needs to be the family. That is her first calling

Good and obedient or submissive to her Husband.

A) Oh women don't like that word Submissive today. - Lewis T Talbot

B) Had women who I was marrying who didn't want that in their vows

C) Listen the Bible makes it clear that the Husband is to be the head of the house - like Jesus is the head of the church.

The Husband is the head not because he is better, smarter, or more spiritual.

A) It is a matter of responsibility - the weight of the success and direction of your family is on your shoulders

B) Marriage is a picture of Jesus and the church - we love him because he first loved us.

C) Jesus is the ultimate example of the servant leader - laying down his life for his bride.

1) That is the high calling that we are called to as Husbands - come under our wives and kids - serve them

The problem that many woman have in the church with submission

A) stems from the fact that both the Husband and the wife don't have a clear understanding her role - the beauty and importance or it

B) The wonderful and elevated role of the wife:

C) If we go back to the first marriage - the first couple this becomes really clear and incredibly beautiful

¹⁸ And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him. Genesis 2:18

D) Helper is **ezer kenegdo**, a very powerful name

E) Ezer appears twenty-one times in the Old Testament—twice in reference to the EVE the first woman,

1) three times in reference to nations to whom Israel appealed for military support

2) and sixteen times in reference to God as the helper of Israel.

Examples: the Hebrew term Ezer, or "helper," is employed to describe God, the consummate intervener—

A) The helper of the fatherless (Psalm 10:14)

- King David's helper and deliverer (Psalm 70:5),
- Israel's shield and helper (Deuteronomy 33:29)

B) In Genesis 2, ezer is combined with the word kenegdo to mean something like "a helper of the same nature," or a corresponding character.

1) Kenegdo literally means "as in front of him,"

2) suggesting that the *ezer* of Genesis 2 is Adam's perfect match, the yin to his yang,

C) Everything about this title implies mutuality, harmony, and partnership.

D) Like in a company the way a CEO and CFO work together

IDEA IN CONTEXT OF HELP - The woman is man's essential comrade; his lifesaver.

So God has this high view of the Wife – the Ezer Kenegdo!

A) She has this special role in the family – to come alongside her husband in a way **that is supportive of the role God has called him to.**

B) The marriage is a partnership - the wise husband is one who recognizes this.

C) God has brought his wife into his life to compliment him - the two of them are partnering together in the running of the household

D) He is tapping into her strengths - a wise husband is one who realizes that his wife is better than him in things

1) He caters to her strength.

I have never met a wife whose husband treats her with that type of respect

A) Who is making note of her value - who has ever had a problem with submission.

B) The Older women are to help the younger wives understand their role of as the **Ezer Kenegdo - how to support their husbands**

Bb) All of this implies needing to build a relationship

C) If you are an older couple - and you think you have a marriage that honors Jesus and is worth emulating -

1) Pick a young couple to invest in - get to know - mentor -

D) Don't tell them that is what you are wanting to do - just reach out and let it happen naturally -

1) You will know if they are drawn to you - God will bless that relationship

The last thing that Paul mentions here tells us why this is so important - that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

A)Here is what Paul is saying: A godly house is a testimony to the gospel

B)And a house that is out of order is a blight to the gospel -

C)A beautiful godly marriage attracts people to it and to Jesus -

1)like a people are attracted to Hawaii and the Grand Canyon

Paul brings up this idea that our behavior impacts the way that others View Jesus and the gospel - here and in V.9-10 - employers/ employees

A)Catch the big picture and Calling - how we live in our relationships - in our marriage and in the work place -

B)Is either going to attract people to Jesus or push people away from Jesus

C)Colossians - **Conduct worth of the gospel - there is something bigger at stake that just our happiness and existence**

D)We are on planet earth to be Reps of Jesus - Realize that embrace that walk in that!

E)Paul turns his attention to the younger men - Next week