

## Titus 2:6-10

### Sound Doctrine = Sound Behavior Part 3

The last few weeks we have camped out in Titus 2 - Sound doctrine results in sound behavior

A) Sound = healthy that which brings life and healing to that which is broken

B) So healthy doctrine - results in healthy behavior that results in a healthy church

C) Started looking at Paul's admonition to the Older men -

1) Last week the older women

IN both groups Paul used the word Reverent in their behavior

A) Reverent is a word that means - consecrated holy and set apart -

B) We noted that it is a word that was used to describe the whole temple complex = - in that it was consecrated to God

C) The temple had a calling and purpose in the Kingdom of God

That is the point - the Older men and women in the church have a calling & a purpose in the body of Christ.

A) That calling and purpose is to be examples to those who are young

B) Pave the way for ministry - service and godly example to the young men and women

C) Tonight we come to v. 6 - Paul brings his attention to the younger men

V.6 Likewise: In the same way you are admonishing the older men and women to be concerned about their walks

A) So too the younger men: - 6 Likewise, exhort the young men to be sober-minded, 7 in all things

B) Interesting - to the older men and women - Paul said teach - but to the younger men - he said exhort - why the difference

C) EXHORT = to urge to plead - to summon

C) Exhort is Parakaleo - word spoken of the Holy Spirit - it means called alongside to help.

D) That is interesting to this passage: Because Paul is not just saying Titus tell the young men to be Sober minded

1) He is saying - come alongside them/ walk with them and show them what it looks like to be sober minded

E) And the fact that exhort is in the present imperative - that means it is a continuous action -

1) Or put it another way: it is a habitual lifestyle - it is a regular practice - walking together - through life

Again: Older guys - pick a younger guy to mentor and pour into.

A) Might be similar age but younger in the faith or ministry.

B) Paul in Oregon - I mentored him - spent time with him - 2 yrs

C) Then I turned my attention to a couple of other guys -

1) he got hurt - bro you need to find younger guy to do the same thing with them

D) Key is we are to always be reproducing!

So older guys - walk with the younger guys, showing them how to be Sober minded

A) Sober minded = Sensible clear headed - not reckless

B) There is a book called over the edge: It is about how the most vulnerable group at the Grand Canyon is young men.

C) Because they think they are invincible - so they get reckless - die

D) So our job guys is to help the younger guys be sensible - clear headed

E) But to do so in a way that doesn't quench their zeal!

Young guys often have great Zeal! Excited - Impact the world - I love it!!!!

A) But they lack Knowledge and experience - that can be dangerous

It is dangerous to have zeal without knowledge, and the one who acts hastily makes poor choices.

Proverbs 19:2 NET

**B)Balance: Don't quench their zeal - but help them to avoid pit falls**

**C)Years ago - I had a youth pastor who came to me and in his zeal said if I would hire six interns to help him**

1)He would get studies going in all 6 of the High School campuses in our area.

**D)It was a zealous and ambitious declaration -**

1)I love seeing our youth guys being on High School campuses -

**E)I know how it can be affective in reaching lost kids.**

**In fact when I was the High School Pastor here - I actually - - had studies going on 6 campuses by myself I might add 😊**

**A)Vista, Rancho, San Marcos, Oceanside, Carlsbad, El Camino - One study each day of the week and Oceanside and Carlsbad - same day**

**B)Their lunch times were opposite - so I could do Oceanside and jet to Carlsbad afterwards**

**C)It was pretty affective in reaching the lost. -**

**D)We had students coming to those studies - who got saved - and started coming to YG -**

1)From all those schools

**E))Did that for a whole year - that schedule almost killed me -**

1)I wasn't smart enough to teach the same study at each school - 6 different -

2)Plus the 2 I was doing here at church

**The Following year: Sharp Shooter vs Shotgun blast**

**A)So I felt led to focus on the one school that was really doing well - Rancho**

**B))Study and also started an FCA group - it God really poured out his spirit it ended up being the largest in San Diego -**

**C)That year our youth group grew by at 60 kids who's parents either were not saved or didn't attend this church.**

**So because of that experience: I suggested to my youth Pastor -**

**A)Why don't you get one study going at one school - really strong**

**B)Once it gets going - we can bring on an intern part time to assist you -**

1)then you can get one going at another school

**C)He liked that idea but ended up not starting any school studies - or tried and nothing panned out**

**D) The last thing I wanted to see was six young guys sitting around floundering with nothing to do.**

1)First got here we were over staffed - too many guys with nothing to do

**He had great zeal - that just needed to be pointed in the right direction.**

**A)There have been other times here where the approach that Steve and I might take to a young guy with a BIG IDEA**

**B)Even though in our minds we are thinking - that isn't going to work -**

1)but we don't want to quench his zeal - so we say - Go for it

**C)And we watch - check in a week or two later - Now if he asks our advice we will give -**

1)but if he doesn't we watch - cheer on

**SO we Watch Hoping that we are going to be surprised**

**A)But if it doesn't work out and fails - we see it as an opportunity to have a teaching moment to see how to do it better next time.**

**B)Mentoring process - help them become sober minded - clear headed**

1)Guys with Zeal that is coupled with Knowledge

**So the old men are to walk with the younger men - teaching them how to be sober minded.**

**A)It is going to take building relationships -**

**B)walking with them - and a willingness of the young men to WANT TO BE MENTORED.**

**After addressing the young men- Pastor Titus himself - who was also a younger man -**

**A)One of Paul's sons in the faith**

**B)What he says here is great stuff for anyone here who aspires to be in full time ministry**

**C)Anyone who desires to be in the role of an elder - these are things that God wants to be a part of your life**

<sup>7</sup> in all things showing yourself *to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility,* <sup>8</sup> sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.

**A Pattern of good works**

**A)The word pattern used here - specifically speaks of an impression - or a mold -**

**B)a molded copy of the original**

**C)The idea is this is visible behavior - the habits of his life were to be visible and tangible**

**D)Paul told Timothy - don't let anyone look down on your youth - but you be a pattern to those who believe.**

**E)Even though you are young Timothy - you set the example -**

**In doctrine: In your teaching - *showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility,***

<sup>15</sup> Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15

**NLT - Let everything you do reflect the integrity and seriousness of your teaching.**

**In other words - Practice what you preach:**

**A)Growing up at CCCM in the Jr. High and Sr. High -**

**B)I had some youth leaders that sometimes crossed the line in this -**

1)Attempt to be relatable - sometimes crossed the line into irreverence

**C)Toothpaste skit - Richards challenge - my reaction**

1)**All things are lawful but not all things are expedient** - fruitful or edifying

**D)If you would have asked me I would have said no!**

**Sound in speech: - Sound = words that build up and heal rather than tear down and destroy.**

**A)There was a time in my early 20's when I was at CCCM - me and a group of my friends were reading the puritans -**

**B)Really getting into the holiness movement - Pastor Chuck was so into grace**

**C)There was a period of about 3-4 months when we got together and we would criticize Pastor chuck**

1)If we were the Pastors this is what we would do - make CCCM better place and more holy

**D)None of us had ever led anything significant before - - Home groups and school studies**

**E)It was arrogant - it was sinful - I am ashamed of that behavior**

**Over the years I have been the recipient of that same type of talk from young men here behind my back -**

**A)Too be honest it is grieving for sure.**

**B)But I am able to give them grace because I stupidly did the same thing in my own pride and arrogance**

**C)Guys it is so much better to be men that have the reputation for building up rather than tearing down.**

**D)Men who sharpen others and help them see Jesus!**

**Note the reason for his exhortation: that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.**

A)Your conduct would be so good - so Christ-like - so refreshing that your adversaries would only have good things to say.

B)They would say: I don't believe what he believes - but I like him - he is an asset to this community -  
1)he is an asset to this company.

**Finally Paul is going to end this section on how Sound doctrine results in sound behavior by talking to the Slaves or Employee's**

<sup>9</sup> Exhort bondservants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all things, not answering back, <sup>10</sup> not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.

**Five things that are to mark the conduct of the Slave or the employees**

A)#1 Obedient - subject or submitted to - good at following instructions - team players

B)Used of soldiers with their commanding officer -  
1)To Place yourself under the leadership of someone to follow.

C)Because slaves were expected to be obedient in that culture - where slaves were the work force -  
1)The idea here is more of a willing obedience - not forced or being obedient with a the right attitude.

<sup>23</sup> And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, <sup>24</sup> knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. Colossians 3:23-24

**I think Christian workers should be the best workers why? - Working for Jesus**

A)Working at the grocery store - When can you work?

B)Higher me and I will be the best worker here?  
1)Ok - hot shot ..... Quickly promoted -

C)Not the most talented - or gifted - but I was the hardest working - doing it for Jesus

**#2 Be well pleasing in all things: - this refers to an attitude of cheerful service**

A)Pleasing, agreeable

B)You don't want your boss to be thinking - I wish I could fire this guy

**#3 Not answering back - not argumentative - being respectful**

A)The idea here is literally connected to the behavior of a child that talks back to their parents

B)Don't be like little kids - Be an adult -

**Also, don't get caught up in bad mouthing the boss**

A)In every work environment I have ever been a part of - there are always those who want to bad mouth the leadership or bosses

B)Paul is instructing these Christian brothers and sisters - you don't get caught up in that

C)You be different from that

**#4 Not pilfering - not stealing -**

A)Now most people would say - I don't do that - I would never do that

**B)Ever take company products without asking - stealing**

C)Ever leave early or come in late - without asking because you are on Salary you can get away with it - that is stealing.

**#5 But showing all good fidelity - being trust worthy**

A)When I read this - I couldn't help but think of Joseph - talk about a guy who was trust worthy

B)With Potiphar - over everything - trusted him even with his own wife

C)Be that kind of worker - the boss knows - I can trust him - give him responsibility

Purpose:

**That they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.**

**Sound doctrine when applied = sound behavior that results in a sound witness!**