

Challenges For The Church

Titus 1: 10-16

We Must Respond To Spiritual Challenges

A. A Deceptive Message (1:10-11)

1. Their Diverse Attacks (1:10-11)

a. Many attackers

b. Many avenues of attack

c. Many warnings in the Bible

1 John 2:18-19, 2 Peter 2:1, 2 Timothy 4:3

2. Their Destructive Influence (1:11)

a. Destroying families

b. Deluding teachings

Revelation 2:18-20

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A. A Deceptive Message (1:10-11)

3. Their Desire (1:11)

In it for the money

1 Timothy 6:15, Matthew 6:21-24

4. Their Disruption Demanded (1:11)

“Whose mouths must be stopped”

Psalm 11:3, 2 Timothy 3:8-9

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B. A Depraved Culture (1:12-14)

1. Their Character (1:12-13)

“are alway liars, evil beasts, slow bellies”

2 Timothy 3:2-5

2. The Confrontation (1:13)

“Wherefore rebuke them sharply”

Titus 2:15, 1 Timothy 5:20

3. The Correction (1:13-14)

a. Make them sound in the faith

2 Timothy 1:13

b. Make them heed truth

1 Timothy 1:4

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C. A Defiled Conscience (1:15-16)

1. The divine mind (1:15)

“Unto the pure all things are pure”

Matthew 5:8, 1 Timothy 1:5

2. The depraved mind (1:15)

“Their mind is always in the gutter”

Romans 1:28, Jude 1:8

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C. A Defiled Conscience (1:15-16) - continued

3. The deluded mind (1:16)

“They profess that they know God...”

a. Abominable

Proverbs 17:15

b. Disobedient

Isaiah 30:9

c. Reprobate – unfit

Behavior In The Church

Titus 2:1-10

Church members must be grounded in the faith.

Titus 2:1-10

1 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:

2 That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.

3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

Titus 2:1-10 - continued

6 Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded.

7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

8 Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

9 Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again;

10 Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

I. The Priorities In His Preaching (2:1)

A. Speak in the Spirit

Matthew 10:19-20

19 But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.

20 For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.

John 16:13

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

I. Priorities In His Preaching (2:1)

B. Speak sound doctrine

1 Timothy 4:16

Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

II. Purpose Of His Preaching (2:2-10)

Making Disciples

Ephesians 4:11-13

11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

II. Points Of His Preaching (2:2-10)

Proverbs 20:6

Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?

A. The senior men to be ...

- 1. Sober**
- 2. Grave**
- 3. Temperate**
- 4. Sound in faith**
- 5. Sound in love**
- 6. Sound in patience**

II. Points Of His Preaching (2:2-10)

Proverbs 31:29

Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

B. The senior women to ...

- 1. Have behavior as becometh holiness (consistent)**
- 2. To not be false accusers**
- 3. To not be given to much wine**
- 4. Be teachers of good things;**

II. Points Of His Preaching (1:2-10)

C. The young women ...

- 1. To be sober**
- 2. To love their husbands**
- 3. To love their children**
- 4. To be discreet**
- 5. To be chaste**
- 6. To be keepers at home**
- 7. To be good**

II. Points Of His Preaching (2:2-10)

C. The young women ... (continued)

8. To be obedient to their own husbands

Ephesians 5:24

Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

9. Not blaspheme the word of God

2 Peter 2:2

And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

II. Points Of His Preaching (2:2-10)

1 John 2:13-14

13 I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father.

14 I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

II. Points Of His Preaching (2:2-10)

D. The young men ...

- 1. To be sober minded**
- 2. In all things showing a pattern of good works**
- 3. In doctrine showing**
 - a. Uncorruptness**
 - b. Gravity**
 - c. Sincerity**
- 4. To have sound speech, that cannot be condemned**
- 5. To live a life of conviction and above reproach**

II. Points Of His Preaching (2:2-10)

1 Timothy 6:1

Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed.

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E. Servants to ...

- 1. Be obedient unto their own masters**
- 2. Please masters well in all things**
- 3. Not answering again (being argumentative)**
- 4. Not purloining (stealing)**
- 5. Be loyal**
- 6. Glorify God**

1 Corinthians 10:31

**Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do,
do all to the glory of God.**

Do We Get The Point?