

YOUNG AND ZEALOUS

THE DESIRE OF FAITHFUL WORKMEN

“... that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.”

~ Titus 2:10

1. Titus, Be Sound – 2:1-5

- a. The book of Titus is about faithful workmanship: good works.
- b. Myth: with enough zeal, passion, you can do anything (wrong – Rom 10:2)
- c. The young are associated with zeal, passion, but their curse is inexperience. 1Ti 3:6
- d. Wrong doctrine and deceptions exist - Titus 1:9-10
 - i. Be sound in the faith (5x)– Titus 1:13, 1 Cor 15:33, Eph 4:14, Titus 2:1
- e. Sound ~def. – Unbroken, not defective; solid, right, correct, firm, free from error.
 - i. Inexperience can be substituted by pursuit of true/right knowledge.
 - ii. When you speak, it should be right, it should be true - 2:2, 2:8
- f. Choosing a life of ministry is to desire sound doctrine, first. 1 Tim 3:15

2. Titus, Be Obedient - 2:6-10

- a. Obedience ~def. To submit or comply to the direction or control. To yield to a power.
 - i. Being young and rebellious is unfortunately often saying the same thing.
- b. It is clear that these are instructions for obedience/good behavior... 2:3, 5, 6, 9
 - i. What is missed is the reason why... “word of God” - 2:1, 2:5, 2:8, 2:10
- c. Sober shows up a lot Titus 1:8, 2:2, 4, 6, 12; was there a drinking problem?
- d. Sober ~def. Not under the influence of passion; temperate; not wild or heated.
- e. Grave ~def. Marked by serious reverence toward God; feet on the ground.
 - i. “Cool calm dispassionate reason” too often is touted by those driven by flesh
- f. What fills you is what motivates, moves, and controls you – Eph 5:18
 - i. What abounds in you? Col 2:7, 1 Th 3:12, 4:1-2, 1Cor 15:58, Phi 1:9
- g. Choosing a life of ministry is to be driven to obey the word of God

3. Titus, Be Zealous - 2:11-15

- a. He that desires ministry desires good works - 1Tim 3:1
- b. Paul was zealous of tradition, but that changed by grace ... Gal 1:14
- c. Zeal ~def. The passion, pursuit, or desire. The motivation toward an end.
- d. One can be zealous of good works without Christ (don't be) – Gal 4:16-18
- e. 2:11 - The doctrine of God our Saviour is grace
- f. 2:12 - Grace teaches how we should live (right behavior by changing conversation)
- g. What motivates good works by grace?
 - i. 1) Grace goes to all men (there is a job to do) - 2:12 (1 Cor 14:12)
 - ii. 2) There is a future hope (we will see Him) - 2:13 (Col 3:1-3)
 - iii. 3) He died to purify us and make us peculiarly zealous - 2:14
- a. Choosing a life of ministry is to be zealous of good works by God's grace