

## Sound Doctrine for Everyone!

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Titus 2:1-10

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Titus: Paul wrote to outline the design for leaders & mature believers. This 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter focuses on the people who make up Christ's Body and what they must be taught and strive for. The Church must become Eph 5:27 - without spot, wrinkle or blemish – that starts one person at a time!

Everyone should be "training yourself for godliness" 1 Timothy 4:7

### Observations:

1. There are legitimate age & gender distinctions in the Church  
image of God: male & female - Gen 1:27; distinct God-given roles Tit 2:5; Eph 5:22-23; Col 3:18-19; 1 Pet 3:1-6; 1 Tim 2:5-18  
In-Christ gender does not matter - Gal 3:28  
Gender/sexual identity issues – effect of Fall; Christ is answer Tit 2:11-14
2. There is to be interaction, not separation, between the various ages & genders in the church and family  
Mix of age/gender often difficult, but beneficial, just like a family

### Sound doctrine is foundation of godly living for:

1. Older men to be godly so as to make Christ attractive
  - sober-minded
  - dignified
  - self-controlled
  - sound in faith
  - sound in love
  - sound in steadfastness
2. Older women to be godly examples & teach the younger women
  - Reverent in behavior
  - not slanderers
  - not slaves to much wine
  - teach what is good...
3. Younger women to be godly homemakers so Word is not dishonored.
  - Love their husbands and children
  - self-controlled
  - pure
  - working at home
  - kind
  - submissive to their own husbands

4. Young men to be sensible, setting a Godly example
  - self-controlled
  - in all things model good works
  - teaching with integrity, dignity & sound speech
  - so reputation flawless & Christ is made beautiful!

5. Slaves (workers) to set Christlike example in work
  - be submissive for God's glory
  - be well-pleasing
  - not argumentative
  - not pilfering
  - showing all good faith (for God's glory)

Beware of Moralism – These things only possible in Christ!

Gal 5:24      Rom 6:4

Remember the Reality of the Gospel Gal 2:20

### Discuss:

- How does sound doctrine lead to right living?
- What are the difficulties of different ages and genders working together in the church?
- What are the benefits of different ages and genders working together in the church?
- Is it "demeaning" to have younger women be "homemakers"? Defend.
- When is it right for a Christian in the workplace to stand up for their "rights"? When is it better to be faithful? Discuss a work ethic that brings glory to God.
- Explain how the Gospel truths help you live in a pleasing and an attractive way before the world.