

1. Special instructions as to Titus' own preaching. Verse 1
 1. Christianity is a system of doctrine as well as life.
 2. Sound doctrine is contrasted with the fables of false teachers.
 1. Sound doctrine is called "the good doctrine" in 1 Tim 4:6.
 2. It called the "doctrine according to godliness" in 1 Tim. 6:3.
 3. What this doctrine is:
 1. It milk for babes in Christ, 1 Peter 2:2.
 2. It is "strong meat to them that are of full age." Heb. 5:14
 4. It is the duty of ministers to preach this sound doctrine. It should be preached:
 1. PUBLICLY AND PLAINLY, since there are so many vain teachers.
 2. WITH CERTAINITY, as being the undoubted truth directed to rational man.
 3. WITH ALL BOLDNESS, as without fear of man or seeking to please men.
 4. AT ALL TIMES, in season and out of season. 2 Tim 4:2
2. Duties of aged men. Verse 2
 1. Paul begins with the most important class in the church:
 1. Aged men should be the leaders of the young men. In what areas?:
 1. Sober: Sober minded as contrasted with the spirit of levity sometimes found in youth.
 2. Grave: Dignified deportment.
 3. Temperate: Self-restraint, self-control, self-government.
 4. Faith, Charity, Patience: We have here a trilogy of graces.
 1. There is to be a healthy action of these three graces among the older men.
3. Duties of aged women and young women. Verses 3-5
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 1. Our "behaviour" is a sign of our character. We cannot hide the "roots" of our life. Weeds or flowers soon appear depending upon our character.
 2. Four words describe the "behaviour" pattern for the older women:
 1. Holy Women: Not sanctimonious, stiff or prudish, but holy.
 2. True women: "not false accusers." They do not lessen the honor, the reputation, the good reports of others by accusations which are unworthy and untrue.
 3. Temperate women: "not given to much wine." 1 Tim. 5:23
 1. Never made frivolous and foolish in speech and conduct through strong drink.
 4. Useful women: "Teachers of good things."
 1. Every older woman has a large ministry to fulfil when she remembers how large is the category of "good things."
 4. The duties of young women. Verses 4 and 5
 1. Young women are regarded as under the instruction and guidance of the older women.
 2. What kind of women are these younger women to be? Read verses 4 and 5
 1. Her first duty is to be the possessor of that character that will make her home happy: "To love their husbands, to love their children." Verse 4
 2. Whole nations deteriorate in character when youth, young men and young women become insolent in its own independence, and resentful of authority.

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