

Series: Salt and Light: God's Vision for the Church

Sermon: The Doctrine of the Church

Scripture: Titus 2 (ESV)

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¹ *But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine.*

² *Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness.*

³ *Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good,*

⁴ *and so train the young women to love their husbands and children,*

⁵ *to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.*

⁶ *Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled.*

⁷ *Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity,*

⁸ *and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.*

⁹ *Bondservants are to be submissive to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative,*

¹⁰ *not pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.*

¹¹ *For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,*

¹² *training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,*

¹³ *waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,*

¹⁴ *who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.*

¹⁵ *Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.*

Find the **What We Believe** document Jeff mentioned in his sermon at perimeter.org/WhatWeBelieve.

Why is teaching what accords to sound doctrine so important?

1. Because the nature of the human heart is to reject sound doctrine.

For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. 2 Timothy 4:3-4

2. Because the way we live has everything to do with sound doctrine.

Older Men: (v.2)

Sober-minded (temperate, abstaining from wine either entirely or at least from its immoderate use)

Dignified (to be a man of character, without blame)

Self-controlled (sensible, of sound mind, curbing one's sinful impulses)

Sound in faith, love, and steadfastness (or perseverance)

Older Women: (v. 3)

Reverent in behavior (befitting to God, becoming of holiness)

Not slanderers (malicious gossips -- 38 times this word is used in the NT, 35 times it's translated "devil")

Not slaves to much wine

Teach what is good

Train the young women (encourage and disciple)

Young Women: (v. 4-5)

Love their husbands and children

Self-controlled (sensible, of sound mind, curbing one's sinful impulses)

Pure (chaste, modest)

Working from home (Caring for the house/Ordering the home)

Kind (good, pleasant, agreeable, happy, joyful)

Submissive to their husband

Younger Men: (v. 6-8)

Self-controlled (to be of sound mind, curb one's passions, to be in one's right mind)

Model of good works (Titus)

Show integrity, dignity, and sound speech (Titus) (purity of mind, respect and honor, sound doctrine)

Slaves/Servants: (v. 9-10)

Submissive to masters

Well-pleasing

Not argumentative

Not pilfering (to steal or embezzle)

Showing all good faith

Main takeaway:

Sound doctrine, fueled by the grace of God, produces an increasingly godly life in a godless world.