

# Be a Model of the Truth

## **Titus 2:1-10**

*You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine. Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance. Titus 2:1-2*

*Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Titus 2:3*

*Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.*

## **Titus 2:4-5**

*Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled. In everything set them an example by doing what is good. Titus 2:6-7a*

*In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.*

**Titus 2:7b-8**

*Teach slaves to be subject to their masters in everything, to try to please them, not to talk back to them, and not to steal from them, but to show that they can be fully trusted, so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive. Titus 2:9-10*

**It is not enough just to  
proclaim the truth;  
we are to demonstrate**

**the truth in our lives.**

**Character is caught, not taught.**

## **Paul's Instructions to Church Leaders**

### **1. Paul speaks to those of us in the Church who teach.**

*You must teach what is in accord  
with sound doctrine. **Titus 2:1a**  
Not many of you should presume  
to be teachers, my brothers,  
because you know that we who  
teach will be judged more strictly.*

### **James 3:1**

*Yet when I preach the gospel, I  
cannot boast, for I am compelled  
to preach. Woe to me if I do not  
preach the gospel! **1 Cor. 9:16***

*It was he who gave some to be  
apostles, some to be prophets,  
some to be evangelists, and some*

*to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up* **Eph. 4:11-12**

*For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.*  
**2 Corinthians 5:14**

## **Dual Responsibilities for Teachers**

### **1. Teach the Word Accurately**

*Teach what is in accord with sound doctrine. (vs. 1)*

### **2. Live Rightly**

*In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have*

*nothing bad to say about us.*

## **Titus 2:7-8**

**If you teach the truth,  
there are going to be some  
people who oppose you.**

## **2. Paul speaks to the Older Men in the Church.**

*Paul's Instructions to Church  
Leaders*

*Teach the older men to be  
temperate, Titus 2:2a*

*Teach the older men to be  
temperate, worthy of respect, self-  
controlled, and sound in faith, in  
love and in endurance. Titus 2:2*

*Do not be deceived: God cannot be  
mocked. A man reaps what he  
sows. Galatians 6:7*

**We need the vitality  
of the younger generation,  
but we need the wisdom  
and experience  
of those who are older.**

**Are you still, “full of sap?”**

*The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God.*

**Psalm 92:12-13**

*They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, “The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him.”* **Ps. 92:14-15**

**3. Paul speaks to the Older Women in the Church.**

*Paul’s Instructions to Church Leaders*

*Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Titus 2:3*

**Gossip is sharing inside information about a person when I am not part of the problem or the solution.**

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. 2 Cor. 1:3-4*

*Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned, and let*

*her works bring her praise at the city gate. Proverbs 31:30-31*

**How long is your shadow of “influence”?**

**1. Influence is mostly unconscious**

*“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. “You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Matthew 5:13-14*

**2. Your influence is almost immortal**