

## We are all in the list Titus chapter 2

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.

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. 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.

Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled.

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.

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 Saviour attractive.

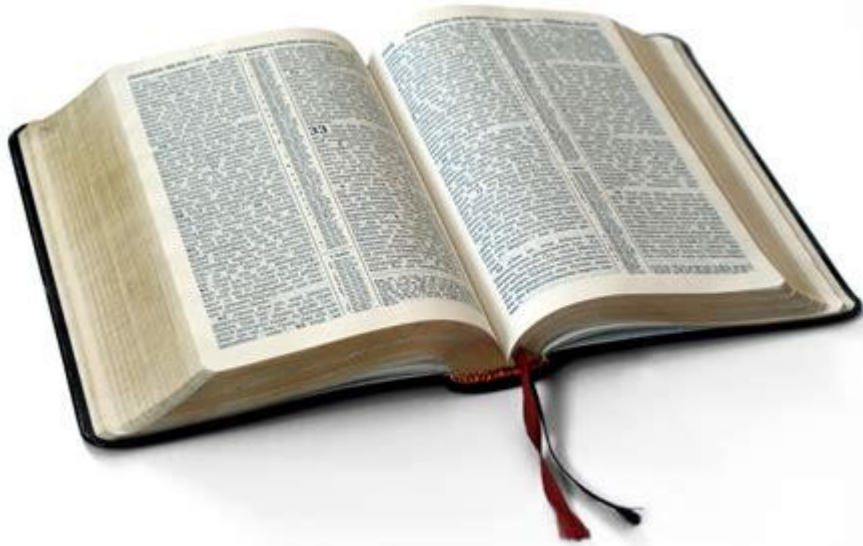
For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope--the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

These, then, are the things you should teach. Encourage and rebuke with all authority. Do not let anyone despise you.

You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine.

There are standards to be met

Healthy teaching



## A congregational mix of all sorts

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



He deals with genders first— men and women

Older men first – regarding character qualities

# Likewise !

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.

Older women examples  
Lifestyle concerns -  
Their Teaching role



## Younger women

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He assumes they are married with children.

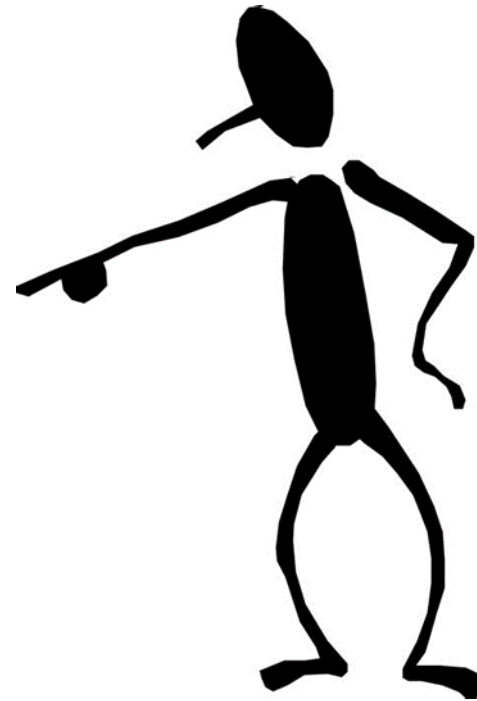
Why is there no mention about children?



## One of the reasons for godly living

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No excuses for criticism  
A good witness for the gospel





## Young men last on list

Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled.  
In everything set them an example by doing what is good.

Is self-control a key issue for young men?

Be an example Titus!

- Is he a young-ish man?



In your teaching show integrity,  
seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned,

It's not just what you say,  
but also how you say it,  
expressing your thoughts



## The Answer to critics

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No evidence!



## Now he deals with an important social issue

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Slaves and masters

Is he assuming there are more slaves than masters in the church?



## An attractive faith about a wonderful God

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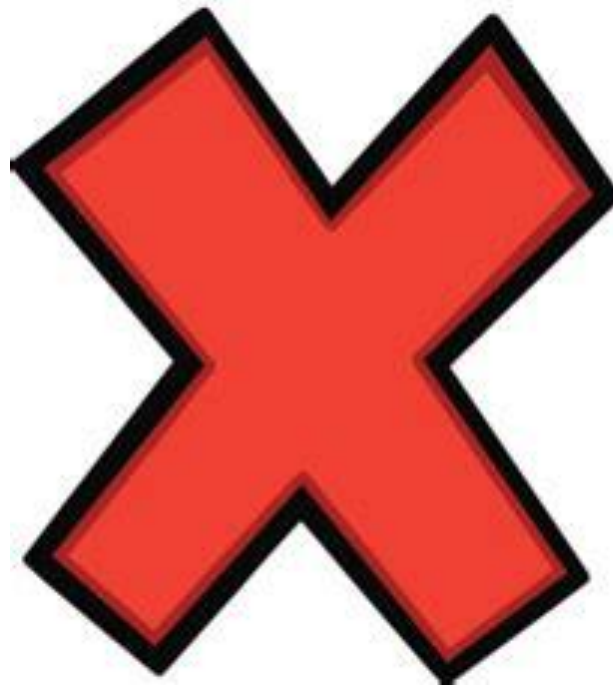
This is the day of grace



# A new life

It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,

Negatives - to sin  
and  
Positives – to godly living





# The Blessed Hope

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The Gospel message is a message of hope

But 'waiting' is required  
UNTIL ...





# Jesus will return

**while we wait for the blessed hope--the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.**

His deity and role

The Messiah



# Jesus' work and its results

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Substitutionary atonement

Removed sin - redeem = the ransom price is paid (we were sold under sin's dominion)

Sanctifying work of his life in us by the Holy Spirit

His possession -> Our motivation



# The Agenda - and it still applies today

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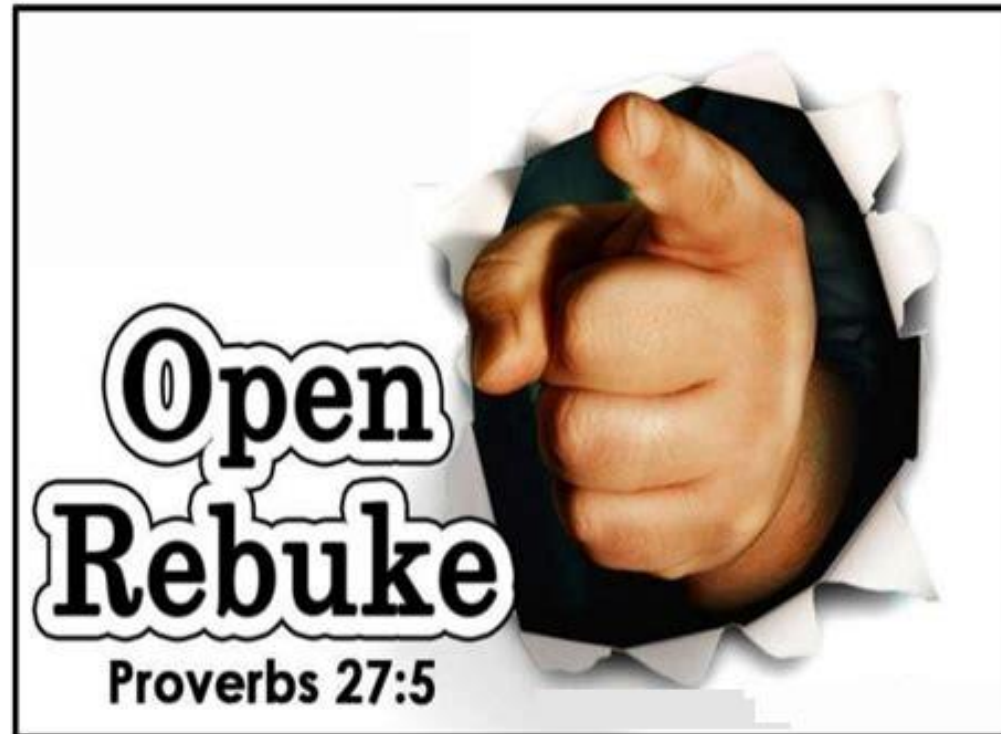
Encourage the good



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Difficult but necessary



# The Agenda - and it still applies today

Do not let anyone despise you.

Don't be intimidated

How can you stop some people despising you?





A witnessing people  
Who love the Lord and each other  
And are a blessing where they live and work

