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Titus 2

CHANGED BY SOUND DOCTRINE

Sound Doctrine (v.1)

- *Sound* = *hygiaino*, healthy, wholesome, without error
- *Doctrine* = *didaskalia*, teaching
- to exhort in sound *{hygiaino}* doctrine and to refute those who contradict (1:9)
- that they may be sound *{hygiaino}* in the faith (1:13)

Older Men (v.2)

- temperate [sober-minded, clear headed]
- dignified [worthy of respect]
- sensible [self-controlled] {*sophron*}
- sound {*hygiaino*} in faith, in love, in perseverance [patience, endurance]

Older Women (3-4)

- reverent in their behavior [living to honor God]
- not malicious gossips [slanderers]
- not enslaved to much wine [no addictions]
- teaching what is good
- encouraging [training, making of sound mind] {*sophronizo*} the young women

Young Women (4-5)

- to love their husbands
- to love their children
- to be sensible [self-controlled] {*sophron*}
- to be pure [morally & mentally]
- to be workers at home [good managers]
- to be kind [agreeable, joyful]
- to be subject to their **own** husbands
[voluntarily accepted order or rank]

Are You Willing To Submit?

- Col. 3:11—God saves all without distinction. However, in the way we live, we must serve Him in the roles He gives.
- Titus 2:5—“submit” = “to arrange under”—voluntarily accepting my God-given role.
- Submission is a command from God.
- Submission does not imply inferiority.

Examples of Submission

- Christ submits to God the Father (1 Cor. 15:28; Php. 2:5-8).
- The church submits to Christ (Eph. 5:24).
- Christians submit to one another (Eph. 5:21).

Examples of Submission

- Younger people submit to older people (1 Pet. 5:5).
- We submit to governing authorities (Rom. 13:1; Titus 3:1).
- Jesus submitted to Mary & Joseph (Luke 2:51).

Examples of Submission

- Children obey parents
(Col. 3:20; Eph. 6:1).
- Wives submit to their own husbands in the Lord (Col. 3:18; Eph. 5:22; Titus 2:5; 1 Pet. 3:1).
- Slaves obey their masters
(Col. 3:22).

Young Men (6-8), esp. Titus

- to be sensible [self-controlled, of sound mind] {*sophroneo*}
- to be an example of good deeds
- to show in your teaching integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned

Slaves (9-10)

- to be subject to their own masters in everything
- to be well-pleasing [to aim to please]
- not to be argumentative [mouthy]
- not to steal
- to show complete faithfulness [be trustworthy]

Why to do these things:

- so that they may encourage (4)
- so that the word of God will not be dishonored (5)
- so that the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say (8)
- so that they will adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect (10)

Sound Doctrine

- Appearing of the **grace** of God (11)
 - The 1st coming of Christ
 - Made salvation available
- Appearing of the **glory** of God (13)
 - The 2nd coming of Christ
 - The believer's "blessed hope"

What God's Grace Teaches

- to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions (12)
- to live
 - self-controlled lives (inward focus)
 - upright lives (outward focus)
 - godly lives (upward focus)

Our Great God and Savior, Christ Jesus (13)

- Jesus is God!
- C. S. Lewis: Lunatic, Liar, or Lord

How is sound doctrine changing you?

- Do you love and respect your husband?
- Is he your best friend?
- Do you refrain from criticizing him to others?
- Are you kind?
- Do you teach other women God's ways?
- Are you eager to obey and please your Redeemer?