

Sound Doctrine; Titus 1:10-2:1

- I. But as for You
 - A. After letting Titus know how he feels about the false teachers in Crete, He lets Titus know his responsibility concerning the word of God
 - B. Sound
 1. Wholesome, healthy
 2. Luke 5:31; And Jesus answered them, "Those who are **well** have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.
 3. 3 John 2; Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good **health**, as it goes well with your soul
 - C. Doctrine
 1. This word can sound very daunting and intimidating, but it is a very simple word in meaning
 2. Miriam-Webster's
 - a) Something that is taught
 - b) "The government was founded on a doctrine of equality for all people"
 3. NASB Dictionary - instruction, teaching, doctrine
 4. Romans 15:4; For whatever was written in former days was written for our **instruction**, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.
 - D. Sound doctrine equals healthy or wholesome instruction or teaching
 1. In context
 - a) 2 Timothy 3:16; All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for **teaching**, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,
 - b) 2 Timothy 1:13; Follow the pattern of the **sound** words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.
 2. These sound words or "wholesome teachings" are The words of Jesus and his apostles and prophets
 3. These are the instructions that God wants us to have concerning Him, His Son, and The Spirit
 4. These are the instructions left for us, by God, so that we can live according to His will and not our own
 - E. "Teach what accords with sound doctrine"
 1. This is not "teach wholesome teaching"
 2. Teach - to say, to speak, chit-chat
 3. Accords - suitable, fitting, proper
 4. Say things that are suitable, fitting, or proper with wholesome instruction
 - F. This statement by Paul comes on the heels of his rebuke of the false teachers in Crete
- II. Sound Doctrine
 - A. To elder men
 1. Most commentators agree that Paul is referring to men over 60
 2. Sober-minded (not given to excess)
 - a) Literally - to be sober, but also used to describe mental alertness
 - b) Temperate - not given to excess

- c) "...this virtue is often absent in believers. A life undistorted by any excessive indulgences of any kind is the thing required." Coffman
 - 3. Dignified
 - a) respectable, serious, grave
 - b) worthy of respect
 - 4. Self-controlled
 - a) Of sound mind, prudent, sensible
 - b) All four groups are given this teaching (doctrine)
 - c) Just imagine if everyone could control, reign in, their desires
 - (1) Drinking would not become drunkenness
 - (2) Eating would not become gluttony
 - (3) Passion would not become adultery (or fornication)
 - 5. Sound in love, faith, and steadfastness
 - a) It is with "faith" that we worship God; no prayer, no work of piety can be severed from faith. "Love" spreads its wings over all our duties to our neighbor; and "patience" must ever go hand in hand with "faith" and "love." H.D.M. Spence
 - b) "Sound in the faith means to be true to the word of God which is the basis of faith" E.M. Zerr
 - c) Romans 10:17; So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.
- B. To elder women
- 1. Reverent
 - a) "Consecrated as a priestess" Dibelius
 - b) "They are to carry into daily life the demeanor of a priestess in a temple" Tasker
 - 2. Not slanderers or slaves to much wine
 - a) Slanderers - false accuser
 - (1) Used 37 times in the New Testament
 - (2) Translated "devil" (referring to THE devil, Satan) 33 times
 - b) "The women of Crete were given to wine drinking. Observe the fitness of the term "enslaved." The drunkard is thoroughly the slave of his appetite. Lipscomb
 - c) "Here is an indication of what is meant by the term "wine" as used in the New Testament; it was a drink that had the power to enslave, and this is impossible of application to mere grape juice." Coffman
 - d) The argument against "new wine"
 - e) Acts 2:12-15; ¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.
 - 3. Train the younger women
 - a) To recall one to his/her senses
 - b) To admonish

- c) It would seem that the young Christian women of Crete were falling into false teachings
 - C. To younger women
 - 1. Love their husbands and children
 - 2. Self-controlled
 - 3. Pure
 - a) All the commentaries I read move this word into the sexual realm, translating it as “chaste”
 - b) This exact word is used 8 times in the New testament
 - c) All the commentators refer to 1 Corinthians 11:2
 - d) 2 Corinthians 11:2; For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a **pure** virgin to Christ.
 - e) But Paul is not referring to anything sexual in this passage, he is referring to our devotion to God
 - f) The ESV translates this word “pure” 7 times and “innocent” 1
 - g) 1 Timothy 5:22; Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, nor take part in the sins of others; keep yourself **pure**.
 - h) James 3:17; But the wisdom from above is first **pure**, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.
 - i) The NASB Dictionary - holy, sacred, chaste, free from sin, innocent, pure
 - 4. Working at home
 - a) Keepers of the home
 - b) The earliest manuscripts use a word that best fits with a house manager
 - c) In comparison, think of Joseph managing Pharaoh’s household
 - d) We have assigned different values to the roles God has given us (and we should not have)
 - 5. Kind
 - 6. Submissive to their own husbands
 - a) 1 Corinthians 11:2–3 (ESV)² Now I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions even as I delivered them to you. ³ But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.
 - b) And, again, it goes back to roles and how we have assigned values
 - D. To younger men
 - 1. Self-controlled
 - 2. We must also understand that younger men and women grow up to be older men and women.
 - 3. We should constantly challenge ourselves with the behaviors listed here
 - 4. The list is not all-inclusive - good works, integrity, dignity, sound speech
- III. Sound Doctrine
 - A. If we practice these wholesome teachings
 - B. If we listen and obey these healthy instructions
 - C. Then we can become the men and women that God desires us to be