



## We ARE the Church: (Titus 2:1-15)

### “The Practical Beatitudes”

#### Sound Christian Doctrine

“But as for you, **speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine:** that the **older men** be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience; the **older women** likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things— that they **admonish the young women** to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, **that the word of God may not be blasphemed.** Likewise, exhort the **young men** to be sober-minded, in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, sound speech that **cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed,** having nothing evil to say of you. **Exhort bondservants** to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all things, not answering back, not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, **that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.**” Titus 2:1-10 NKJV

## Titus 2:1-10

☑ *“But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine:” Titus 2:1 NKJV*

### ☑ **But as for you...**

☑ {But} *used to introduce a phrase or clause contrasting with what has already been mentioned. And what was just mentioned? This is critical as we solidify the character traits that God expects His people to exhibit.*

☑ You...speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine. *“The Practical Beatitudes”* (see Mat. 5:1-12)

☑ They...do something completely opposite of that.

### ☑ **They profess [in words] but deny [in actions]...**

☑ This is the last verse of the previous chapter so we can understand who “they” are and what we need to be the “but” to!

☑ *“They [the **defiled and unbelieving v. 15**] profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.” Titus 1:16 NKJV*

### ☑ **Profess one thing & doing nothing is bad enough!**

☑ All words NO action!

☑ *“But **be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.**” James 1:22 NKJV*

- “**You believe** that there is one God. You do well. **Even the demons believe**—and tremble! But do you want to know, **O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?**” James 2:19-20 NKJV*
- Profess one thing & doing the opposite is worse!**
  - Do you even believe what’s coming out of you mouth?
    - “**You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself?** You who preach that a man should not steal, do you steal? You who say, “Do not commit adultery,” do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? **You who make your boast in the law, do you dishonor God through breaking the law?** For “the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you,” as it is written.” Romans 2:21-24 NKJV*
- Men will be... the worst kind of sinner while they claim to be godly!
  - “But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For **men will be** lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, **having a form of godliness***

*but denying its power. And from such people turn away!” II Timothy 3:1-5 NKJV*

☑ *“that the **older men** be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience;” Titus 2:2 NKJV*

☑ **Older Men be...**

☑ Sober: clear thinking, sensible

☑ Reverent: respectful, honorable, worshipful, deferential, devout

☑ Temperate: mild, pleasant, agreeable, gentle, self-restrained

☑ Faithful: trusting and trustworthy, loyal, constant, true, devoted

☑ Loving: demonstrable of the character of God

☑ Patient: forbearing, tolerant, serene, tranquil

☑ *“the **older women** likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things— that they **admonish the young women** to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, **that** the word of God may not be blasphemed.” Titus 2:3-5 NKJV*

☑ **Older Women be...**

- ☑ Reverent: respectful, honorable, worshipful, deferential, devout
- ☑ Not slanderers: not busy talking about others with false, damaging and malicious words
- ☑ Not given to much wine: sober and with their wits in tact at all times.
- ☑ Teachers of good things: What are good things? Good things are the things God calls good. Let's use this idea throughout this study.
- ☑ Virtuous things: meditate and focus on the things that are morally excellent in God's eyes!
  - ☑ *"Finally, brethren, whatever things are **true**, whatever things are **noble**, whatever things are **just**, whatever things are **pure**, whatever things are **lovely**, whatever things are **of good report**, if there is any **virtue** and if there is anything **praiseworthy**—meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, **these do**, and the God of peace will be with you."* Philippians 4:8-9 NKJV
- ☑ You were created for virtuous things!
  - ☑ *"For by **grace you have been saved** through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, **not of works**, lest anyone should boast. For **we are His***

*workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God **prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.***” Ephesians 2:8-10 NKJV

☑ **Older Women must admonish the young women to...**

- ☑ Love and obey their husbands: How? “Wives, **submit** to your own husbands, as to the Lord.” Ephesians 5:22
- ☑ Love their children: “**Train** up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6
- ☑ Be discreet: careful and circumspect in one’s speech or actions, especially in order to avoid causing offense or to gain an advantage
- ☑ Be chaste: abstaining from extramarital sexual intentions; without unnecessary ornamentation; simple or restrained. “**Do not let your adornment be merely outward—** *arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel— rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.*” I Peter 3:3-4
- ☑ Be homemakers: women were created beforehand as helpmeets, to both manage the home and advise their husbands. “*And the Lord God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper*

*comparable [suitable, equal but different] to him.””*

Genesis 2:18 NKJV

- ☑ Be good: see virtuous things above
- ☑ **So that...**
  - ☑ ...the word of God may be demonstrated in their lives!
  
- ☑ *“Likewise, **exhort the young men** to be sober-minded, in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, sound speech that **cannot be condemned, that** one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.”*

*Titus 2:6-8 NKJV*
- ☑ **Older Men must exhort the young men to...**
  - ☑ Be sober-minded...we have already seen what this means
  - ☑ Demonstrate a pattern of good works in all things...

Virtue is for all of God’s people! Good things ARE defined by God—NOT MAN!
  - ☑ Good doctrine is so important that...
    - ☑ Paul left Timothy in Ephesus to make sure of such...
      - ☑ *“As I urged you when I went into Macedonia—remain in Ephesus that you may **charge some that they teach no other doctrine,**”* 1 Timothy 1:3 NKJV

- ☑ And Y'shua made sure we knew He came only with one doctrine— His Father's
- ☑ *"Jesus answered them and said, **My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.**"* John 7:16 NKJV
- ☑ In doctrine show...
  - ☑ Integrity: complete alignment with God!
  - ☑ Reverence: compete honor for one doctrine!
  - ☑ Incorruptibility: no twisting or bending of doctrine to meet your own beliefs!
- ☑ In speech... Words that can't ever be condemned:
  - ☑ ***"Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers."*** Ephesians 4:29 NKJV
  - ☑ *"Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, **these things ought not to be so.**"* James 3:10 NKJV (see James 3:1-10)
    - ☑ Let no words that come from your mouth be used to indict your faith or convict you of hypocrisy! Why?
- ☑ **So that...**
  - ☑ Opponents will be ashamed... those who oppose you will be embarrassed that they ever came against such an integrous person!



- ☑ Don't give anyone ammunition that will allow them to say any evil thing about you!
  
- ☑ *“Exhort **bondservants** to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all things, not answering back, not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.” Titus 2:9-10 NKJV*
- ☑ **Exhort Bondservants to...**
  - ☑ Be obedient to their own masters: remember that a bondservant is a “paid” household servant—not a slave in captivity being treated harshly.
  - ☑ We are reminded here that becoming a Christian does not necessarily give you a new profession, but it does call you to be better at the profession you were given!
  - ☑ Be well pleasing in all things...
    - ☑ Not answering back: be respectful and honoring to your “boss”!
    - ☑ Not pilfering: not absconding things from your place of employment!
    - ☑ Show fidelity: faithful to your position and to those in authority over you!
- ☑ **So that...**

- ☑ The doctrine of the God they serve shows up in everything they do (no matter what their position).
- ☑ *“And whatever you do, do it heartily, **as to the Lord and not to men,**”* Colossians 3:23 NKJV
- ☑ As opposed to “professing to know God, but in works denying Him.” (Titus 1:16)

## Witness and Hope

“For the **grace** of God that brings salvation **has appeared to all men, teaching us** that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, **looking for the blessed hope** and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, **that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works. Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority.** Let no one despise you.” Titus 2:11-15 NKJV

## Titus 2:11-15

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☑ **God's Grace...**

- ☑ All men are saved by grace! *“For by grace you have been saved through faith...”* (Ephesians 2:8)
- ☑ Grace instructs us (empowers us)...
- ☑ To reject ungodliness and worldly lusts!
- ☑ *“**Grace** and peace **be multiplied to you** in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, **as His divine power** [grace] has given to us **all things that pertain to life and godliness**, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, **having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.**”* II Peter 1:2-4 NKJV
- ☑ Grace also instructs us (empowers us)...
- ☑ To live **soberly** (self-restrained), **righteously** (pleasing to Yahweh), and **godly** (imitating Yahweh) in the present age (right now!).
- ☑ **A secure eternity PLUS a better now!**
- ☑ Exercise vs. Exercise....
- ☑ “For **bodily exercise** profits a little, but **godliness** is profitable for all things, having promise **of the life that**

**now is and of that which is to come.**” 1 Timothy 4:8

NKJV

- ☑ Exercise in godliness has both eternal and temporal (here and now) benefits!
- ☑ Grace vs. Grace
- ☑ “Therefore, **having been justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also **we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand**, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.” Romans 5:1-2 NKJV
- ☑ Yes... “*by grace you have been saved through faith...*” (Ephesians 2:8)
- ☑ But also... we have access to that grace to apply to the life we are living right now!
  
- ☑ “***looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.***” Titus 2:13-14 NKJV
- ☑ **We await is second coming...**

- ☑ We live lives RIGHT NOW— **soberly** (self-restrained), **righteously** (pleasing to Yahweh), and **godly** (imitating Yahweh)—and look forward to eternal salvation.
- ☑ **How do we live?**
- ☑ Redeemed from lawless deeds: Sin is lawlessness and we are redeemed from a lawless life. He came to take away our sin. In other words, grace removes lawlessness!
- ☑ *“Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. **And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins**, and in Him there is no sin. Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.”* 1 John 3:4-6 NKJV
- ☑ Purified for good works: we are to be zealous for what God calls good and we are to do what God calls good.
- ☑ Virtuous things: meditate on... *whatever is **true, noble, just, pure, lovely, of good report, praiseworthy*** (Phil. 4:8-9)
- ☑ ***Because... “O foolish man, faith without works is dead?”*** James 2:20 NKJV
- ☑ *“Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you.”* Titus 2:15 NKJV

- You have the authority to...**
- Speaks these things...
- Strongly encourage these things...
- And criticize those who come against these things!

### **NEXT TEACHING**

Be Ready! (Titus 3:1-15)