

Living Proof

Titus 2:1-10

As we circulate in the world and rub shoulders with unbelievers, we are to be living proof of the transforming power of the gospel. We are to live in such a way that people are attracted to the message rather than repelled by the inconsistency of our character and actions.

Teach _____ to live according to their beliefs (1)				
In contrast to the false teachers who lived hypocritically (1:16), Titus is to teach that sound doctrine should lead to sound behavior.				
Older Men (2)	Older Women (3-4a)	Younger Women (4b-5)	Younger Men (6-8)	Slaves/Employees (9-10)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temperate, sober-minded – clear-headed; avoids extravagance or overindulgence • Dignified – not frivolous or trivial; worthy of respect • Self-controlled – moderation, self-restraint • Sound in faith, love, steadfastness – lives graciously in the midst of life’s difficulties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reverent – sees all of life as sacred • Not slanderers – doesn’t listen to or spread gossip • Not given to much wine – demonstrate self-mastery over emotional and physical appetites • Teach what is good – model godly behavior 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love their husbands and children – greatest priority in a home is love • Self-controlled – disciplined • Pure – moral purity • Working at home – the sphere of the home is her first priority • Kind – rules her home with grace • Submissive – places herself under her husband’s authority 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-controlled – says “No” to temptation • Model godliness • Integrity – align public and private lives • Dignity – seriousness about life, avoid triviality • Sound speech – edifying, life giving, gracious 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submissive – under authority • Well-pleasing – obey willingly; do their best • Not argumentative – avoid talking back • Not stealing – honest and trustworthy • Show genuine faith
So that ...				
They will be a Model for others (2)	They can Invest in others (4a)	The Word of God gains Credibility (5b)	The Critics will be left Speechless (8b)	The Gospel will be Appealing (10b)

If someone followed you this week and observed your life, what would they conclude about your faith and beliefs?