

Titus

- Theme: Set in Order
- Keyword: Doctrine

Elders

- “As a steward of God”
- “Holding fast the faithful word...”
- By sound doctrine, exhorting and convicting those who contradict
- How important is this?
 - There are many insubordinate, both idle talkers and deceivers, especially of those of the circumcision, whose mouths must be stopped
- Are contradictions of sound doctrine a big deal?
 - Subverting whole households

Warnings about the false teachers

- How Titus should deal with them
 - They should be rebuked sharply so that they may be sound in the faith
 - They must not give heed to Jewish fables and commandments of men; these come from men who turn from the truth
- A description of them
 - Mind and conscience defiled
 - Profess to know God but in works they deny Him
 - Abominable, disobedient, disqualified for every good work

Titus charged to speak sound doctrine

- Doctrine
- Sound
- Necessary
- In contrast to idle talkers
- Exhort these things

Titus charged to speak sound doctrine

- Character & Duty in Various Seasons of Life & Relationship
 - Older men
 - Older women
 - Young women
 - Young men
 - Titus
 - Servants
- This is about adorning the doctrine of God our Savior

Great motivations to adorn the doctrine of God our Savior

- The grace of God teaches us
 - To change
 - To look forward in hope
 - To remember the sacrifice of Christ for us
 - To remember we are His own special people

Speak these things confidently

- Exhort
- Rebuke
- With all authority
- Let no one despise you

Some take-aways

- Preaching & teaching should be according to
 - The faith
 - The acknowledgement of the truth which is according to godliness
- The Lord wants Christians and local churches to be set in order
- The character of elders describes the character that every Christian should be transforming into
 - Transformation requires desire and effort, rooting out and building up, study and prayer, and repulsion of all that is against our transformation

Some take-aways

- Error must be combatted with truth, the word of God
- Error in teaching is not just a theoretical thing; it overthrows faith. We practice what we believe. So it is very important that our belief be based upon the word of God alone.
- Culture has great influence. As Christians, we need to be resolved to stand apart, not conformed to the world but transformed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:2; Colossians 3:10; Philippians 2:5ff; 1 Peter 2:21-25)

Some take-aways

- Sound doctrine teaches Christians how to live and the character to put on
 - These instructions are part of the gospel for all
 - This is part of setting things in order
- God's order is seen in the doctrine Titus was to teach
- The church needs examples of godly older men and godly older women. We then need to be devoted to become that.

Some take-aways

- Grace teaches a response by man
- God has given great motivators to follow Christ
- Titus could teach these things with authority because, being from the apostle Paul, they are authoritative. And so should they be taught today.
 - And since they are authoritative, then they should be received and followed.