

Notes for Titus 2:6-10:

Paul is writing to Titus about how to help, **set in order a troubled church**. He uses the Greek word **ORTHOO** to instruct Titus in how to get this job done. We know from history that Titus did a good job of setting the Cretan church in order. Today, 95% of Cretans would claim they are Christians. That means a whole LOT!

What about **our lives**—do we have troubles? Is God calling us to set in order some new things to heal, reestablish what is lacking in our hearts and lives? How about **our families**? Are there things going on in your families that are calling you to “set in order” the things that are lacking? **Remember that God’s first gift is discomfort. Discomfort gives way to desire for change.**

Talk about **my pinky!**

Oswald Chambers says, “The ultimate reality is redemption.” Redemption means to fix what is broken.

Titus is competent!

1. Titus brought rest to Paul 2 Cor 2:13
2. Titus was a comforter of the downcast. 2 Cor 7:6
3. Titus was able to be refreshed by others (a receiver)
4. Titus has the ability to be a completer of a task. 2 Cor 8:6
5. Titus earnestly cares for others. 2 Cor 8:16
6. Titus is a partner, fellow worker of Paul and messenger of the church. 2 Cor 8:23
7. Titus takes advantage of no one. 2 Cor 12:18
8. Titus was a leader for many regions. 2 Tim. 4:10

What is Titus doing to set things in order in Crete?

1. He is letting us know that a **healthy church** is made up of **healthy individuals**.
2. He **addresses a directory** of individuals by **gender and age**.
3. Tonight we see how he addresses YOUNG MEN.

Titus isn’t talking abt fellowship, worship, ministry—only one thing will not be more perfected in heaven—EVANGELISM! There is nothing like the power of a **transformed life!**

Read Titus 6-10

Verse 6:

Titus is a young man—prob in his **thirties**. (Paul in mid sixties, Tim in forties) This is Titus’ **peer gp.**

What are the issues young men face? Some stats say 70% of men struggle. 2/3 of men!

Laziness—homes that lack discipline. Lots of goos offered without work being done. Does the value of hard work in your home come through?

Godless education—covert and overt. What are we as parents doing to combat this?

Immaturity—lack experience.

Our culture is dominated by trivia—video games, reality shows, songs—
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I am thinking abt the heart of my kids as I guide them toward the future. Steve and I have a phrase abt parenting—pay me now or pay me later!

Exhort: parakleo—entreat, admonish

Sober-minded (**Sophroneo**)—SELF CONTROLLED, calm, not wild or driven by passion. Freedom from inordinate passions. Solemnness and heaviness without sadness. Self restraint is the special need of youth.

to be of sound mind—one who has a **saved mind**. Saved thoughts. Think of one self soberly. A moderate estimate of yourself. **SELF is an issue—**stay away from self-promotion, self exaltation, self condemnation! Social media is a trap for SELF to get out of control. SELFIES!

Andrew Murray asks in Abs Surrender—**Do you only pray for Holy Spirit power to do works for God? Or do you pray for Holy Spirit power over self?**

1 to be in one's right mind

2 to exercise self control--to put a moderate estimate upon one's self, think of one's self soberly

to curb one's passions

Verse 7:

In all things—

SHOWING: **parechomenos—TO OFFER OR PRESENT UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL!**

Connotes **close beside**.

TUPOS: pattern, **mark of a blow (as in a hammer)**, then a stamp struck by dye. Do my good works do that for others? Do I want them to?

Good —kalos (**beautiful, good worthy**) good that **inspires**, honorable character.

WINSOME and well done!

Works: labor, action, deed

DOCTRINE or teaching **didaskalia**

INTEGRITY: incorruptibility, **lacking the capacity to decay** or constitutionally to break down.

Reverence:

Semnotes—sense of **gravity, time honored, to exalt what is noble.**

Verse 8:

Sound—hygiene, healthy

Speech—Logos

This kind of speech cannot be condemned

Phaulos: worthless, bad, wicked

Opponents put to shame—**turn to confusion.** We will be persecuted.

How can a man keep his way pure? By taking heed according to Your word? Ps 119:9

Verse 9:

Exhort bondservants—not talking about slavery. There just was—so what is God saying to the doulas—

Showing—proving. Giving ample evidence

Fidelity—faithfulness, loyalty! Give evidence that you can be trusted.

Verse 10:

What is it like to be a man in the 21st century?

Pew Research and USA Today:

52% believed they have to live according to women's rules

Society has turned to waxed, coiffed, metrosexuals (paying an inordinate attn to outer appearance).

Men said that they felt hand cuffed by political correctness:

33% said they felt free to say what they felt.

2/3 of men said they found it safer to conceal their opinions.

Men overall are embarrassed by the word MANLINESS!

63% of women conclude that men are struggling.

Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:1!!!