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“Marks of a Healthy Church”

Titus 2: A healthy church submits to sound teaching.

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¹ But you must say the things that are consistent with sound teaching.

² Older men are to be level headed, worthy of respect, sensible, and sound in faith, love, and endurance. ³ In the same way, older women are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not addicted to much wine. They are to teach what is good, ⁴ so they may encourage the young women to love their husbands and to love their children, ⁵ to be self-controlled, pure, homemakers, kind, and submissive to their husbands, so that God’s message will not be slandered.

⁶ In the same way, encourage the young men to be self-controlled ⁷ in everything. Make yourself an example of good works with integrity and dignity in your teaching. ⁸ Your message is to be sound beyond reproach, so that the opponent will be ashamed, having nothing bad to say about us.

⁹ Slaves are to be submissive to their masters in everything, and to be well-pleasing, not talking back ¹⁰ or stealing, but demonstrating utter faithfulness, so that they may adorn the teaching of God our Savior in everything.

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared with salvation for all people, ¹² instructing us to deny godlessness and worldly lusts and to live in a sensible, righteous, and godly way in the present age, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ He gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for Himself a people for His own possession, eager to do good works.

¹⁵ Say these things, and encourage and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

Titus 2:1-15 (HCSB)

1. Christian teaching must be consistently _____. Vs. 1

All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (HCSB)

2. Sound teaching promotes _____ and impacts every _____. Vs. 2-10

- a. Older Men - _____
- b. Older Women - _____
- c. Young Women - _____
- d. Young Men - _____
- e. Slaves - _____

3. Godly behavior influences the _____ .

- a. Keeps God’s message from being _____. Vs. 5
- b. Gives opponents no _____ for opposition. Vs. 8
- c. _____ the teaching of Christ. Vs. 10

4. Influencing the lost world for the gospel is the _____ of the church.

- a. God makes His _____ to the lost world through the church.

That is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed the message of reconciliation to us. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, certain that God is appealing through us. We plead on Christ's behalf, "Be reconciled to God."

2 Corinthians 5:19-20 (HCSB)

- b. God plans for the church to _____ the world.

But thanks be to God, who always puts us on display in Christ and through us spreads the aroma of the knowledge of Him every place. For to God we are the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.

2 Corinthians 2:14-15 (HCSB)

- c. God desires to _____ to the lost world through the church.

For we who live are always given over to death because of Jesus, so that Jesus' life may also be revealed in our mortal flesh.

2 Corinthians 4:11 (HCSB)

5. Christians _____ to this mission because: Vss. 11-14

- a. His grace _____ us.
b. His grace instructs us to deny _____.
c. His grace encourages us to live _____ lives.
d. His grace gives us hope in a _____ Savior.
e. His grace redeems us from all _____.
f. His grace cleanses us for special _____.

6. Christians live under the _____ of the church. Vs. 15