



Becoming Titus 2 Men and Women

Modeling Gospel Application: Titus 2 Lives in a Genesis 3 World

Questions for Discussion

- What is the significance application in discipleship?
- What makes modeling the application of the gospel so hard?
- What role or responsibility does every believer have in modeling gospel application?

Titus 2:1-15 (ESV)

¹ But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine.

² Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness. ³ Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, ⁴ and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, ⁵ to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled. ⁶ Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled. ⁷ Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, ⁸ and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us. ⁹ Bondservants are to be submissive to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, ¹⁰ not pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. ¹⁵ Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

What is the Gospel?

- **Helpful Summaries of the Gospel**

- God – Man – Christ – Response

- **Unbelievably Good News**

- John Chrysostom, an early Church Father who lived from 347–407, once said, “The favors of God so far exceed human hope and expectation, that often they are not believed.” – John Chrysostom, Homily IV, 1 Timothy 1:15, 16.
- More recently, Tim Keller summarized the gospel as the message that “We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope.” – Tim Keller, *The Meaning of Marriage*

- **Paul on the Gospel**

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 - The Gospel Brings Salvation
 - The Gospel Brings Transformation
 - The Gospel Is Worthy of Acceptation (Adorn the Gospel of God)

How is the Gospel Applied?

- Paul on Gospel Application:

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- Applied in Every Season Regardless of Station as a Testimony to the World
 - In Every Season
 - Shorthand for All Christians
 - Older Men, Older Women, Younger Women, Younger Men
 - Regardless of Station
 - Bondservants . . .
 - Masters . . .
 - As A Testimony to the World
 - A Model of Good Works
 - Adorning the Doctrine of God

In Every Season

- Older Men
 - Be Sober-Minded
 - Be Dignified
 - Be Self-Controlled
 - Be Sound in Faith, Love, and Steadfastness
- Older Women
 - Be Reverent in Behavior
 - Do Not Be Slanderers
 - Do Not Be Slaves to Much Wine
 - Teach What is Good
- Younger Women
 - Love Your Husbands and Children
 - Be Self-Controlled and Pure
 - Be Pure
 - Work at Home
 - Be Kind
 - Be Submissive to Your Husband
 - Why? That the Word of God May Not Be Reviled
- Younger Men
 - Be Self-Controlled

Regardless of Station

- Bondservants
 - Be Submissive to Your Own Masters
 - Be Well-Pleasing
 - Do Not Be Argumentative
 - Do Not Pilfer
 - Show All Good Faith
- Masters

As A Testimony to the World

- A Model of Good Works – Living Above Reproach
 - Model Good Works
 - Teach with Integrity, Dignity, and Sound Speech
 - You Will Not Be Condemned . . . But Some Will Try
 - Opponents Put to Shame . . . But Perhaps Not Yet
 - Nothing Evil to Say . . . But They Will Slander All the Same
 - Opposed at Every Turn by the World, the Flesh and the Devil
- Adorning the Doctrine of God
 - Making the Gospel Glorious
 - Shining as Lights in the World
 - **John 13:35** *By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.*

Our greatest demonstration of love for one another: humble service toward spiritual good.

Hebrews 13:20-21

²⁰ Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.