

## Titus

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### Lesson 2: Titus 2

Have you ever witnessed a family who never gets along? The parents and children never agree and everyone in the family does their own thing. What this type of family lacks is unity, humility, and submission to each other. A family in this state will always have problems and never live as the family that God intended for them to be. In chapter 2, Paul turns his attention from the leadership of the church to the layperson in the church. He speaks to the congregation about living out the Christian life in relationship to one another as the family of God. When Christ saves a sinner, He commands them to live their Christian life in the context of the local church with other believers. The relationships that believers are to have in the church are to be marked with characteristics of love, humility, and submission to each other. The purpose of these relationships is to show the world God's amazing plan of salvation and bring glory to His name. Let's dive in and see what God says about the character of His people in His church.

➤ **Read Titus 2:1–2**

1. In verse 1, who is the “you” referring to? Who is he contrasted with? (see 1:10)

2. In verse 1, what is Paul's command to Titus?

3. According to verse 2, what four *characteristics* are “older men” urged to display in the church?

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**Application:** Men, what qualities or characteristics listed above do you want to grow in? Why?

➤ **Read Titus 2:3–5**

4. In verses 3 and 4a, what are five exhortations given to the “older women” in the church?

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5. In verses 4–5, what are older women in the church supposed to encourage the “young women” to do?

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6. According to verse 5, what is the purpose of “young women” living according to the list above?

**Application:** Women, what qualities or characteristics listed above do you want to grow in? Why?

**Application:** How would you answer the criticism of God’s commands listed above (especially verses 3–5), that these commands are outdated, sexist, and irrelevant to modern culture?

➤ **Read Titus 2:6–8**

7. According to verse 6, what are “young men” in the church urged to be?

8. According to verse 7, what four qualities was Titus to model as an example to others?

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9. In verse 8, what was the purpose of Titus modeling the qualities listed above?

**Application:** According Ephesians 2:8–10, we are not saved *by* good works, but *for* good works. What does holy living model to others?

➤ **Read Titus 2:9–10**

10. According to verses 9–10, how were Christian bondslaves to act in relation to their masters?

11. According to verse 10, why must the Christian bondslaves live in this manner?

**Application:** How does our commitment to pleasing our earthly authorities bring joy to God?

➤ **Read Titus 2:11–15**

12. In verse 11, who is Paul referring to by the phrase “the grace of God”? (see John 1:14–17)

13. In verses 12 and 13, what does Christ instruct us to do?

14. In verse 13, how does Paul describe Christ Jesus? What does this tell you about Him?

15. According to verse 14, what did Christ redeem us to be? What is the difference between being *willing* to do good deeds and being “*zealous* for good deeds”?

16. In verse 15, what three commands are given to pastors?

**Application:** In what way should God’s grace impact your past, present, and future?

**Application:** What one verse impacted you the most in this study? Explain.