

The Characteristics of a Spiritually Healthy Church

An Exposition of **Titus 2**

8- Slaves/Servants/Employees

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Titus 2

2 But as for you, speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine.

2 Older men are to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in perseverance.

3 Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good,

4 so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,

5 to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.

6 Likewise urge the young men to be sensible;

7 in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine, dignified,

8 sound in speech which is beyond reproach, so that the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us.

9 Urge bondslaves to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be well-pleasing, not argumentative,

10 not pilfering, but showing all good faith so that they will adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect.

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men,

12 instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age,

13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,

14 who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

15 These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

*To the Glory of God the Father;
God the Son; and God the Holy Spirit. Amen*

Now in the Strategy as it develops here in Chapter 2- the great Apostle Paul works his way through the five Groups of people, who make up the Christian Church. And as he teaches here- the older Members of the Church and the younger Members all have a Responsibility to live in certain Ways that are clearly spelled out here; and that will bring Glory to God; and have an evangelistic Impact on those outside the Church.

And today- the last group of people that are addressed in verses 9&10 are the Slaves; or the Servants; or, in our case in the 21st Century- the Employees. So, let's read those verses again together:

**9 Urge bondslaves to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be well-pleasing, not argumentative,
10 not pilfering, but showing all good faith so that they will adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect.**

Now back in the 1st Century- Families were usually comprised of older people- which would include Grandparents; and sometimes even Aunts and Uncles. And Families would also have the younger people- which would be the Parents; the Children; maybe even some Cousins; as well as whoever else might have been in a very large and extended Household.

But also, as a part of many ancient Households, were the Slaves, or the Servants. Now the word that was translated here into English as "Servants" is the Greek word, *doulos*. And it literally means: *one who is under Submission or Bondage to another*. And we can dress this up any way we want to- but the best English word that we have that most suitably fits in with the literal Definition of the Greek word, *doulos* is actually NOT "Servant"- but "Slave". And, interestingly, there aren't any English Translations of the Bible other than the "LSV", that I am aware of, that actually translates this word properly. And I'm not sure why that is.

Now, of course, the word, "Servant" or "Employee" does not have the Sting or the Stigma attached to it that the word, "Slave" does- but we need to be able to preach the Truth of God's Word and the fact of the matter is that ever since Adam fell in the Garden- there have been Slaves. Slaves existed back in the 1st Century when this **Book of Titus** was written; and Slaves exist today in the 21st Century.

We like to think that we have advanced, as a people, to the Point where we would not allow Slavery anymore- but the Reality is that there are several Nations- most notably China- and several of the Nations that are dominated by the demonic, Man-made religion of Islam- that *actively* promote and subsidize Slavery even now in the 21st Century.

And I think that we're all very aware of the Fact that the Roman Empire basically *depended* upon Slaves for all of its Labor- back in the 1st Century. So, Slaves were a very essential and common Part of Life in ancient Times. They made up the labor Force of the Roman World.

Now, aside from the unthinkable Concept of a human Being owning another human Being like they would own an animal, it is true that many Slaves were horribly mistreated- both then and now. And many Slaves were cheated out of what was rightfully theirs. They were bought and sold; they were abused; they were beaten; they were brutalized; and many of them were killed- at the whim of their Masters.

But on the other hand- it is equally true that many Slaves were greatly loved and were cared for- even pampered. And some Slaves were treated better than blood Members of the Family. And there are hundreds of thousands of Cases where Slaves *voluntarily* continued to serve those Families many years after they were given their Freedom. And that's just a Fact of History.

Now each Nation that has had or that now has Slaves has different Laws concerning them. But in the Roman Empire, back in the 1st Century- a Slave was allowed to marry and have his own Family. And very often, a land- Owner, would give a Slave his own House and his own piece of Land. And that Way those who had much could take care of those who had less.

Now the Issue in this Passage here in **Titus 2** is NOT addressing the *Morality* of Slavery in general. It is NOT discussing whether or not it is Sinful for a human Being to own another human Being. But I want to say right here that, of course, it is Immoral; of course it is Evil; it is Indefensible for anyone to buy; and sell; and own other human Beings and treat them like animals. But that is NOT the Issue here in **Titus 2**.

And I would also say that it was the Christian Church following the radical Teachings of the New Covenant that led the Way to the abolition of Slavery- not only here in the United States- but also throughout the World. And those Nations, that embrace the Teachings of the Holy Bible, no longer have or allow Slavery to exist.

Christian Missionaries carried the Gospel of God's Love for lost Man throughout the pagan World. And where the Gospel triumphed- Slavery and other Sins associated with wicked pagan Teachings gradually were eliminated. And it is a Fact that, today- those Nations that have officially *rejected* Christianity are the ones that allow Slavery to exist and prosper in the 21st Century. But again- that is NOT what is addressed here in **Titus 2**.

This Passage deals solely with the Responsibility that Slaves, who have been mercifully saved by the Grace of God manifested through the Lord Jesus Christ, have to live in accord with Scripture- even in their Slavery. And this is something

that we need to understand: while some Slaves were saved- many of them were not.

And so, even though Slavery was Horrible; and even though many Slaves were unmercifully treated- that does not in any Way change the Fact that ALL Slaves- just like everybody else- were born in Sin; they were fashioned in Iniquity; they were born with Original Sin; and they transgressed repeatedly against a holy God all day long- just like everybody else. And so, those Slaves were, by Nature, the children of God's Wrath- just like we were. So, Slaves do not get any special Consideration by God as far as Salvation goes- simply because they are Slaves.

Every single human Being- no matter what their Situation or Status of Life may be- MUST be born again! They MUST repent; and they MUST be saved by Grace and through the Faith that God alone provides or else they will die in their Sins and burn throughout the eons of Time in a devil's Hell. Slaves must repent of their Sins- just like slave Owners must repent of their Sins; just like wealthy people; and just like poor people must repent of their Sins. Sports stars; and Hollywood Actors are all Sinners; just like those who run Fortune 500 Corporations; and just like the unbelievably poor people of Bangladesh. Blind people; sick people; strong and healthy people are all Sinners. All Women and all Men must repent. All children of every Condition and Situation must repent. Why? Because every single human Being, regardless of Status or Condition, has sinned against God! And so, all of Humanity must all come to God through the Lord Jesus Christ in Desperation for Mercy- repenting and turning away from their Sins- or else they will NOT enter into Heaven!

And we must understand that Sin is the great Equalizer of all Mankind. And so, ALL must either repent- or burn! ALL must turn to Christ for Salvation- or burn! ALL must confess that they are wicked Sinners- or burn! ALL must come to God for Mercy through the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ- or they will burn in Hell- forever!

The Bible is crystal clear about this- dear friends- there are no "good" people on earth- none! There are no "innocent" people on earth- none! No one is "righteous" and no one *deserves* Salvation- not one! The holy, infallible Word of the living God proclaims, without hesitation, that no one is Righteous in themselves; none seek after God- and all human Beings are *willful* Transgressors of God's Law! And so, by default, ALL, who have NOT personally experienced the Miracle of the new Birth seek to rob God of His Glory! And everyone, who is Lost, is a "*God hater*" by Nature! And every Human- no matter how Great or Small they may be; no matter how well they have lived or how terrible their Conditions have been- ALL Humans *deserve* eternal Damnation for their Wickedness.

And this leads us to something that Theologians call, the "*Offense of the Gospel*". And the "*Offense of the Gospel*" says that, EVERY human Being is a "Sinner"; and is "Lost and Fallen"! And because that is true- ALL Sinners are going to spend all of Eternity in a Place of conscious and eternal Torment called, "Hell".

This insulting Teaching goes on to say that NOBODY has the Power or the Ability to be "Righteous"; "Good"; or "Acceptable" to God- by ANYTHING they do for themselves! And this Teaching continues by saying ALL other religions- besides biblical Christianity- are Man-made and False! They DO NOT have the Power or Ability to forgive a single Sin or save a single Soul! And NOBODY, who follows those false religions will enter into Heaven!

The "*Offense of the Gospel*" also teaches that both Forgiveness and Salvation come ONLY through Faith in Jesus Christ, *personally*, and in His finished Work; and NOT by ANY human Works- including religious Works!

So, the "*Offense of the Gospel*" has two Parts:

1. The "*Bad News*"- All of Humanity is conceived as being Lost; Fallen; and a Sinner- which eventually leads to eternal Damnation
2. The "*Good News*"- Forgiveness and Salvation is provided to wicked Sinners, who will repent of Sin and trust in what God alone has done "to" and "for" them through Faith in Jesus Christ and in His finished Work.

So, Jesus Christ was the single most *exclusive* human Being, who ever lived; who taught the single MOST *exclusive* Truth that has ever existed! And biblical Christianity is the single MOST *exclusive* religion! And the Christian Church is the ONLY entity on earth that teaches that; and genuine Christians are the ONLY people who believe that! And that Reality *insults* and *offends* many people throughout the World!

So, we must know that Salvation comes to wicked Sinners by God's Grace and through the Gift of "saving Faith" ALONE and NOT because somebody had a hard Life; or was a Slave and was terribly mistreated. People, who were bought and sold like Cattle; and who were abused; and people, who lived under unthinkable Conditions, died and are burning in Hell right now- unless they *turned away* from Sin; *embraced* the biblical Jesus as God Almighty in human Flesh; and believed that what Jesus did for them- by living a sinless Life; dying on a Cross; and rising again- was ALL that God required!

And these offensive Truths are what so many in the modern Church are trying so desperately to leave out in their Preaching and Teaching. And these Truths make up the Part that so many are ashamed of today. And this is the Part that so

many reject today. But without this Part- NOBODY is forgiven; NOBODY is saved; and without this Part- NOBODY will enter into Heaven!

Every Slave, who is saved will spend all of Eternity in Heaven. But every Slave, who remains Lost- will die in their Sins; they will be thrown into the Lake of Fire; and the Smoke of their Torment will rise forever!

So, while it was true that Slavery was an evil Concept and needed to be eliminated- the single most Important thing that Paul or anybody else could do for Slaves was NOT to simply to set them Free- because freed Slaves, who remained Lost, still went to Hell. So, the Best thing that Paul could do for a Slave was to preach the Gospel to him so that the Slave would repent and trust in Christ for Salvation. And then, after he was born again; Justified; and adopted- Paul must teach those Slaves how to live- *in* their Slavery or their Freedom- so that whether Free or in horrific Bondage- God may be glorified!

It is Good for us to help people improve their natural, earthly Condition in many Ways here on the earth. And we should be engaged in those Efforts. But THE single most Important thing that we can do for a blind Man; or a poor Man; or a deaf Man; or a cripple Man; or a sick Man; or a Slave- is to preach the glorious Gospel to him! Because his blind Heart; his poor Heart; his hard Heart; his crippled Heart; his sick Heart; his weak Heart; and his Heart that is in bondage to Sin is more Serious than any other Problem he has! And that is WHY there is very little in the Bible about how to help people become physically healthy; or how to lift people out of Poverty; or how to free those who are enslaved; and WHY there is so much in the Bible about Repentance and Salvation!

Because you can fix or relieve- to some extent- all of the social and material and economic Problems that exist and that individual can absolutely have a better Life on earth! And the United States has done more of that than anyone else. But if that individual is not saved- he will still spend all of Eternity in Hell!

So here in **Titus 2**- Paul's main Focus is NOT to merely see the Slaves set free- even though Slavery was and still is- a terrible Evil in the World. Paul's main Focus with Slaves was to teach them- that while they were still in their Bondage- how they may escape God's Wrath; how they may glorify God; and how they might come into the Fullness of Joy themselves!

So he tells Titus- this young Pastor in the Church on the Island of Crete- back in the 1st Century- to teach ALL the Slaves, who are among the Believers, that even in their Slavery- they have an Obligation; a Duty; a Privileged; and a Joy- live their normal and daily Lives- in such a Way- to draw Attention to the saving Power of God as well as the Truthfulness and Reliability and Veracity of the Holy Bible!

You see, Slavery was a normal Part of every-day Life back in the Old Testament. It was a normal Part of every-day Life here in the New Testament; and, sadly, it is a normal Part of every-day Life in many Areas of the world- in our Day

as well. And, sadly, there will probably be Slaves on earth when Jesus comes back!

So, while we *can* and *should* work hard to *eliminate* Slavery throughout the World- we must focus on preaching the Gospel to them; and then instruct them how to live for God's Glory! Because if all we do is to cause their earthly Lives to improve- all we have actually done is to *re-arrange* the deck chairs on the Titanic- just before it hits the iceberg!

But according to the radical Gospel brought forth in the New Covenant- according to **Philemon** and **Ephesians 6** and other Places- the full Treatment of Slavery is outlined in the Scripture as to HOW it is to function. And when the Bible is fully obeyed - Slavery becomes *impossible* to maintain; and it becomes really nothing more than an Employer/Employee Relationship- which is Part of the whole Structure of Society. So, in our Day- *especially* here in America- as we look at how Slaves are to live here in **Titus 2**- we need to think about how this fits in with Employees- who serve their Employers.

Now “serving someone” can be very Beneficial. If you served well and your master treated you well- just as being employed by certain companies can afford you tremendous Benefits, because of how many Employers care for those who work for them. And Slavery, in the ancient Times, *could* be a very beneficial Element of Society- because it allowed for folks, who had Resources, to give those Resources to those who worked for them; and thus allowed them to have the Dignity of Work, to make a living and to prosper!

In Fact, some Old Testament Slaves loved their Masters so much that at the Jubilee Year- the fiftieth year- every 50 years they could all be Free and go back to their original Families. Yet many wouldn't do that. They *refused* to go back- because they loved the Families of which they were now a Part. And those people had a Custom. The Slave would get up against a Door or a Post; and his ear would be held against the Post; and his Master would drive an Awl through his ear- piercing it and putting a ring in that ear. And that was a Sign that testified, “*I refuse my Freedom and I now serve my Master freely and willingly!*”

And that wonderful and beautiful Imagery is picked up in the New Testament as Jesus Himself went up against a “Post”, as it were, His Cross, and He let the Father drive an Awl through His Hands and Feet! And that was His way of saying, “*Father, I'll go to earth, I'll humble Myself, I'll take on the Form of a Slave; I'll die on the Cross; and I'll do it willingly because I know it's Your Will!*”

And there is absolutely nothing Wrong with that kind of Willingness to Serve. In fact, Jesus Himself made a very profound Statement in **Luke 22:25-27** about “Serving and being served”, when He said,

25 ... The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who have authority over them are called 'Benefactors.'

26 But it is not this way with you, but the one who is the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like the servant.

27 For who is greater, the one who reclines at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at the table? But I am among you as the one who serves.

... and then there is the amazing truth that the Apostle Paul taught about this over in **Philippians 2:5-8:**

5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.

8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

In fact, all throughout the New Testament- the Lord and the Apostles used the Concept of Slavery as a *symbolic* Goal for spiritual Maturity by likening the *strong* Christian, who is living in Accord with Scripture, to being a “**Slave to/of Righteousness**” (**Romans 6:18&19**).

So, under the New Covenant- being a “bond- Slave” of the Lord Jesus Christ was NOT a *derogatory* or a *demeaning* Concept- but the *highest* Honor and Privilege of Believers! Therefore, the most *dignified*; and most *elevated*; and most *exalted* Positions of a Christian was and still is to be “*one who serves*” (Slave) as opposed to “*one who is served*” (Master)!

Contrast this Example of humble, Self- sacrificing Service that Jesus Himself and the Apostles manifested with all the “prima donnas” who are in Ministry in the modern Church today- who have scores of people waiting on their every Need as though they are the new “Royalty of Christendom”!

And I want you to notice that there's no Mention here with the things like we hear all the Time like "Revolution" or "Rebellion" or "Equal Rights" or "Equal Freedoms" or going on Strike for more Pay or better Benefits. What you see taught here in **Titus 2**- is that if you are an Employee of another Man; if you work or serve underneath another human Being- then you are to conduct yourself- in such a Way- that makes it very Evident that your Life has seen the transforming Power of God in Salvation!

Now there's actually quite a bit of Instruction in the New Testament about how Employers; or Bosses; or Leaders or Masters are to act. And we need to know about that. But the Instruction that is before us here in **Titus 2** is the opposite. Here we are told how the Employees and Servants are to treat their Bosses or their Employers. And this was so important back in the 1st Century- because the overwhelming majority of the people, who made up the Christian Church back then, were very Poor and Uneducated, Uncultured, and Unimportant people. You may remember that when the Church came together, Paul said to the Church in **1Corinthians 1:26-29**:

26 For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble;
27 but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong,
28 and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are,
29 so that no man may boast before God.

...so, we can see that, back in the 1st Century- the largest influx of Believers came from the lower echelons of Society. And so, Paul was “moved” by God the Holy Spirit to teach them that it was very important how they conducted themselves. Now please look at **Colossians 3:22**:

22 Slaves, in all things obey those who are your masters on earth, not with external service, as those who merely please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.

So here the Apostle Paul is teaching the Slaves, who were part of the church at Colossae, that if the Word of Christ dwelled in them richly; if they were really controlled by the Holy Spirit; if they valued the Scriptures to the Point where they tame their Flesh and live in accord with what the Bible teaches- then they will obey their Masters in all things- not with “eye-service”; not as “Men-pleasers”- not with external Service- but with Sincerity- precisely because they fear God!

In other words- Spirit controlled, biblically controlled, mature, godly Slaves will obey those who are their “Masters on the Earth”, not with *external* Service- that is just doing something on the outside when the boss is watching as those who

merely please men- but with Sincerity of Heart- fearing the Lord. Now look at verses 23-25:

23 Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men,

24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.

25 For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and that without partiality.

Now this is a very important text. Because if you're an Employee today- your Job; your fellow -Employees and even your Boss are the most *important* “evangelistic Field” there is. So, it is NOT a Place of Torment- it is the Place God has provided for you to evangelize in! So, that's your “mission- field”! And in all things you are to obey those who are your Masters or Employers. And you're not to do it with some kind of “external Service”- that is, doing your Duty with a reluctant Attitude, and keeping an eye on the Boss so you can work ONLY when he's watching.

And you are NOT to obey- just to please men, but with a sincere Heart- because you fear the Lord. But what does that mean? You have a healthy, reverential Respect for God that God may bring Discipline or even judge you if you don't render the Service that He's required you to render.

Now many would ask, *"Why in the World is God so concerned about what Employees or Slaves do on the Job?"* And the Answer is because it has evangelistic Implications. If you are a Christian then you are demonstrating Jesus everywhere you go- even on the Job. And some kind of Ineptitude or lackadaisical Attitude about your Job will depreciate and hinder someone else's Perception of what God is like and how important God's Word is.

So, you are to do as verse 23 says and perform your Job heartily with all your Might as for the Lord rather than for Men. In other words- you must take the Attitude that you actually work for Jesus!

You say, *"But how do I do that when they won't even let me preach or tell others about Jesus on the Job?"*. You must realize that your Job is nothing more than the “Means” by which you can “live out” the Power of God in front of Unbelievers- who by watching your normal, daily Life can be drawn to conclude that God is a “forgiving and saving God” and therefore there is Hope for them! And, ultimately, that is the only Reason why you are working there and not somewhere else. Remember, God is “Sovereign”- even on your Job!

And verse 24 says that from the Lord you will receive the Reward of the Inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve. And you will receive a Reward

for your faithful Obedience to Him. So, your Concern shouldn't be whether you get promoted or get a pay raise. Your *main* Concern should be what is the Lord going to say as He looks at my Employment; and what Reward will I get based on how well I worked for Him!

On the other hand, verse 25 says if Employees do Wrong- if you rebel against these Commands; if you talk back to their Boss; if you only work while he's watching; if you drag in 10-15 Minutes late every Morning; if you leave early; if you drag around while being paid; and if you're always complaining- then the inspired; inerrant; and infallible Word of the living God says you are causing the Word of God to be dishonored! You are giving the Enemy something bad to say about you; and you are NOT complimenting the Bible! You are actually *proving* to your Boss that there isn't really anything special about God; the Bible; or even Jesus Himself!

Now please turn over to **Ephesians 6:5-8:**

5 Slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ;

6 not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.

7 With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men,

8 knowing that whatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether slave or free.

9 And masters, do the same things to them, and give up threatening, knowing that both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

Now many, who say they are saved- go to work- and they ONLY do what they *have* to do- as long as the Boss is watching them. But as soon as the Boss walks away- those people begin to goof off. And, sooner or later, they get caught; and they get reprimanded; and they either get mad and quit or they get fired; and then they blame the Boss and they tell everybody how they have been persecuted!

But a few people rise above that. And they will work hard- going beyond the "Call of Duty"- whether the Boss is looking or not, But they do that- ONLY because they want to get more money or a better Position.

But both of those Attitudes fall way short of the Standard for the true Christian employee. We are told over and over in the Holy Bible to work with

Fear and Trembling- looking right through our Employer and right into the very Face of Jesus Christ- Who is evaluating all our Efforts from Heaven!

The Apostle Paul said here in verse 6 that Christian employees are to work:

not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.

And please notice that it doesn't matter to God if your Boss is a Jerk; or if your working Conditions are Harsh. And also, please remember, that Paul was actually talking about real sure nuff Slaves here and not merely Employees. So, if *real* genuine Slaves, who had no Rights at all and no Recourse are told to work like this- then how should Employees work- who are *not* being treated like Slaves?

We must remember that Christ is our Employer; Christ is our Boss; Christ is our Master! And that is because Jesus Christ is also our Savior!

With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men,

... and then Paul gave the Reason for *why* we are to work like this in verse 8 when he said:

knowing that whatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether slave or free.

Now I ask you to please turn with me to **1Timothy 6**. And here again- I only want to note for you briefly that the Way that Employees work on their Jobs is not a side Issue with God because this kind of Instruction is repeated over and over throughout the New Testament. And in **1Timothy 6** we read this in verses 1 and 2,

1 All who are under the yoke as slaves are to regard their own masters as worthy of all honor so that the name of God and our doctrine will not be spoken against.

2 Those who have believers as their masters must not be disrespectful to them because they are brethren, but must serve them all the more, because those who partake of the benefit are believers and beloved. Teach and preach these principles.

So now we're going beyond simple Duty to the Respect of the Master or the Employer. And then he gives the Reason for treating the Boss with Honor. Look at the end of verse 1:

... so that the name of God and our doctrine will not be spoken against.

Sound familiar? It should because this is the very same reason that Paul gave at the end of **Titus 2:5&8** as to why old Men and Women and young Men and Women and Employees should behave like Paul said in that Chapter.

So, when believing Employees act like lost people and bellyache and complain about the Job; and drag in late; and leave early; and the Boss has to make you work; when you are not Dependable and when you are Unreliable- then you are giving that Employer Reason to blaspheme the Word of God- by your lazy and sinful Behavior.

And you can preach and pass out tracts until you're blue in the face. And you can talk about Jesus until somebody has to tell you not to do it on Company Time- and then feel like you're a Martyr when you are rebuked.

But if you aren't working for that Employer the Way God wants you to work in that Job; if you do not honor your Boss- then you are sinning. And you're giving those around you Reason to speak against Christianity; and speak against God and to blaspheme and dishonor God's Word!

Now people might say, *“O, come on, Pastor Blair, why are you harping on his? We want you to hurry up and get past all this and get back to **Matthew 13** and all the juicy Parables! What's the big deal here?”* Well, I have two Answers for you:

1. In **1 Timothy 6:2b**- the Holy Bible says, **“Teach and preach these principles.”**
2. In **Titus 2:15** God's Word says, **“These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you.”**

... so, obviously this is very Important to God! And I am being a faithful Pastor to bring it to the Attention of every single member of this Church. God wants His Church to be “Holy” and obeying **Titus 2** will help us get there!

Both of the young Pastors, who were being mentored by the Apostle Paul- Timothy and Titus- both of them were *commanded* by this great Apostle to teach these things and exhort these things to their Congregations! And that is why I am preaching this Series to you. And as of this Date- you all have been duly taught what God expects out of you. Old Men and old Women and young Men and young Women and now Employees- you have all been taught what God expects

you to live like. And periodically after today- I am going to *continue* to *exhort* you about these things- so that hopefully I will not have to *rebuke* you.

I would remind you that I didn't write the Bible. I had NOTHING to do with what it says. But the Bible DOES discuss the Issue of HWO all five Groups are to live their Lives. And now it is up to us to either obey or be classified as "Rebels"!

So, what the Apostle Paul is saying here is that a Christian at work; a Christian on the job; a Christian Employee. who is submissive; and excellent; and respectful; and honest; and loyal; makes God look Beautiful and makes Him Attractive. And by contrast, as you live like this- you are going to confront Sinners with the Ugliness of who they are and help to bring Conviction to them.

And then as you live like this- when you say your God is a saving God- they're going to say, "*Well you are different. You are sure different.*" And then what you say about knowing and loving Jesus will be Credible. And that's how we have to live if we're going to be effective Witnesses for Jesus because people are watching us; and they're concluding that there's something wonderfully Attractive about the God that we serve- because He has so wonderfully changed our lives! Or else they will say that they really don't want anything to do with our God because He is either Dead or Impotent because He really hasn't changed us very much.

People have asked me what I think about these high- profile Ministers, who get caught up in the Scandal and the Lies. And my Reaction to all that is that, first, I grieve. It grieves me to my very soul. I take no Joy when Hypocrites are exposed; when Frauds are exposed; and when Liars are expose- even though they are Hypocrites; Liars; and frauds; because I know that the lost World only sees them as just another Christian, who is caught up in another Scandal- because God is a Myth anyway.

But the Answer to all the Fakers is to show the World that God is NOT a Myth through somebody, who is actually living the Life; show them somebody, who is actually doing what they say they believe; and who is NOT sneaking around participating in secret Sins- hoping they won't get caught.

So, I pray that we will take to Heart what the Word of God teaches here about all five Groups as we all struggle to follow after the Pattern of Behavior that is shown us here in **Titus 2** so that this Church- The Covenant of Peace Church, will be made up of people who live like this: **So that the Word of God will not be dishonored; so that the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us; and so that we will adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect!**

Amen! Let's pray.

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