

Magnolia Missionary Baptist Church of Beaumont
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The Epistle of Paul to Titus

Titus—Believer, Servant, Partner—Fellow-worker, a Leader to **The Church of GOD** in Crete...

Titus 2: 7-8... **The Behavior of Young Men.** (Minister's and Teacher's)

V. 7a, "They should be a pattern," tupos (too'-pos), meaning to *strike repeatedly* – properly, a *model* forged by repetition...

A pattern of "good works" that precede there "preaching and teaching." (v. 7a)

--Point: when you live *with JESUS* (not for) JESUS, your pattern will always *precede* your "preaching and teaching." Your "pattern" will *support* your "*proclamation of The Gospel.*"

--Point: if a person is truly living *with CHRIST*, they will *preach and teach CHRIST*.

And **CHRIST** will *evident* their Salvation. Living *with CHRIST* and "preaching and teaching" **CHRIST** go hand in hand.

Note this, it's critical, there is a *right way* and a *wrong way* to "preach and teach."

--v. 7b, "in doctrine *showing* uncorruptness..." that is, showing "pure motives" ... they show up the purity of **The WORD of GOD**.

* **Psalm 12: 6**, "The **WORDS of The LORD** are *pure* WORDS: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times."

* **Psalm 18: 26**, "With the pure **THOU** will show **THYSELF** pure; and with the froward [habitually disobedient] **THOU** wilt show **THYSELF** froward."

* **Psalm 19: 8**, "The precepts of **The LORD** are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandments of **The LORD** is pure. Enlightening the eyes.

Point: Paul says to Titus, The Behavior of the Young Men is, "to *live* the life, he "preaches and teaches about!"

Also, Paul through Titus is pointing out this "*enormous temptation*" that Young Men—Preaches and Teachers ought to be on guard against... That is, "preaching and teaching" to *show* one's...

- Preaching ability
- Charisma
- Education
- Authority
- * intelligence
- * insight
- * gift to gab
- * knowledge

The *Pulpit/performance* in the House is one thing, but the *practice/prayer life* at home and abroad is another.

Another temptation is attempting to use "preaching and teaching ministry" as a means of livelihood. If so, "it tempts one to hold back on **The Message of GOD**," on what should be done, lest the people disapprove and give "a *piece* of bread," rather than "a loaf."

Point: "be uncorrupt," have *pure motives*, every time they "walk" into the pulpit and classroom.

Don't deviate from the "pure doctrine" of **GOD'S WORD**...

Read: 2 Timothy 3: 16

--v. 7c, Young Men should “preach and teach” with *gravity* and *sincerity*.
That is with “*dignity*,” and “*seriousness*.” This does not mean, that he is...

- * Above others
- * More important than others
- * More privileged than others
- * Elevated above others
- * Lord over others

--*Young Men* who are called to “preach and teach” *must* be aware that their “*duty*” is to proclaim **The Message of GOD**, to a lost and dying world.

- * *Esteem* **The Message of GOD’S WORD** with high regard
- * Have *strict regard* for **The Truth of GOD’S WORD**
- * *Be honest* and above reproach in *proclaiming* **GOD’S WORD**

Note, the *focus* is not on the “preacher and teacher.” It’s the *doctrine* and **Message of GOD’S WORD**.

--v. 8a, Young Men are to “preach and teach” with “*sound words*.” *Healthy/Wholesome* words.
[**The Church** is a “*Spiritual Hospital*.” Where the sick come to be made whole!]

Note two results...

1. The *Young Men* who “preaches and teaches” **GOD’S WORD**, cannot be *condemned*.

Katadikazo (kat-ad-ik-ad’-zo), meaning “*judged down*,” i. e. condemn in an exact (personal) matter that is highly specific.

In other words, ‘Others may *accuse* you, but the accusation will be false.’

If there be any “*suffering*” on the “preacher and teacher” part, let it be because of the evil doing of others, not because you have done evil.

Read: 1 Thessalonians 2: 2-6; I Timothy 4: 6; Titus 1: 9; Titus 2: 1