

Titus 2:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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Paul provides pastoral instruction for church leadership and sound doctrine. This verse contributes to Paul's overall purpose in Titus: Guide in appointing elders and teaching sound doctrine. The key themes of church leadership, sound doctrine, good works are evident in this passage.

Historical Context

Historical Setting: Titus was written around 62-64 CE from Macedonia or Asia Minor to Titus organizing churches in Crete.

Occasion: Establishing church order in Crete. These 'Pastoral Epistles' provided guidance for church leadership and organization. False teachers threatened sound doctrine, requiring strong, qualified leadership.

First-century believers lived in a pluralistic, pagan society with many parallels to today. Social structures, economic pressures, and religious confusion all challenged Christian witness. Paul's instructions addressed both timeless theological truths and specific cultural situations.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does Titus 2:1 deepen my understanding of the gospel and God's character?
2. What specific action or attitude change does this verse call me to make this week?
3. How does this passage point to Christ and His redemptive work?

Interlinear Text

Σὺ	δὲ	λάλει	ἃ	πρέπει	τῇ	ὑγιαίνουσῃ
thou	But	speak	the things which	become	G3588	sound
G4771	G1161	G2980	G3739	G4241		G5198

διδασκαλία
doctrine
G1319

Additional Cross-References

2 Timothy 1:13 (Parallel theme): Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

1 Timothy 6:3 (Parallel theme): If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;

Titus 1:9 (Parallel theme): Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

1 Timothy 1:10 (Parallel theme): For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

Titus 3:8 (Parallel theme): This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

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