

# Titus 2:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

## Analysis

**Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts**—παιδεύουσα ἡμᾶς (paideuousa hēmas, disciplining/training us) depicts grace as παιδαγωγός (paidagōgos, tutor/trainer). Grace isn't passive but actively educative. The curriculum has negative and positive: ἀρνησάμενοι (arnēsamenoi, having denied/renounced) τὴν ἀσέβειαν (tēn asebeian, ungodliness—irreverence toward God) καὶ τὰς κοσμικὰς ἐπιθυμίας (kai tas kosmikas epithymias, and worldly desires—this-age-focused cravings).

**We should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world**—three adverbs: σωφρόνως (sophronōs, sensibly/self-controlled), δικαίως (dikaiōs, righteously/justly), εὐσεβῶς (eusebōs, devoutly/reverently). These govern three relationships: self (sobriety), others (righteousness), God (godliness). ἐν τῷ νῦν αἰώνι (en tō nyn aiōni, in the present age)—not escapist otherworldliness but embodied holiness now.

## Historical Context

Pagan religion separated ritual and ethics; one could worship gods while living immorally. Judaism separated ceremonial cleanliness from heart transformation. Christianity united justification and sanctification, declaring grace produces holiness. This was revolutionary: salvation isn't merely external status but internal transformation issuing in visible godliness.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. How is grace "teaching" you—what ungodliness and worldly desires is the Spirit actively helping you renounce?
2. Are you living soberly, righteously, and godly in this present age, or have you compartmentalized faith from daily life?
3. Which of the three relationships (self-control, justice toward others, devotion to God) most needs grace's discipline?

## Interlinear Text

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παιδεύονσα ἡμᾶς ἵνα ἀρνησάμενοι τὴν ἀσέβειαν καὶ  
Teaching us that denying G3588 ungodliness G763 and G2532  
G3811 G2248 G2443 G720

τὰς κοσμικὰς ἐπιθυμίας σωφρόνως καὶ δικαίως καὶ  
G3588 worldly lusters soberly and righteously and G2532  
G2886 G1939 G4996 G2532 G1346 G2532

εύσεβῶς ζήσωμεν ἐν τῷ νῦν αἰῶνι  
godly we should live in G3588 this present world  
G2153 G2198 G1722 G3568 G165

## Additional Cross-References

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**Ezekiel 36:27** (Parallel theme): And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

**Matthew 16:24** (Parallel theme): Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

**Romans 6:19** (Righteousness): I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

**Psalms 4:3** (References God): But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him.

**2 Peter 2:9** (Righteousness): The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

**1 John 2:6** (Parallel theme): He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

**2 Timothy 3:12** (References God): Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

**Revelation 14:12** (References God): Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

**Luke 1:75** (Righteousness): In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

**1 Thessalonians 4:7** (References God): For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.