

Titus 2:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

Analysis

In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works—Paul shifts to Titus personally. *περὶ πάντα* (*peri panta*, in all things/concerning everything) is comprehensive. *παρεχόμενος σεαυτὸν τύπον* (*parechomenos seauton typon*, presenting yourself as an example/pattern) means embodied teaching. *τύπος* (*typos*, type/pattern/model) suggests an impression left in wax—others should be able to imitate Titus's visible godliness. *καλῶν ἔργων* (*kalōn ergōn*, good/beautiful works).

In doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity—three teaching qualities: *ἀφθορίαν* (*aphtharian*, incorruption/integrity—doctrine unmixed with error), *σεμνότητα* (*semnotēta*, dignity/seriousness), *ἀφθαρσίαν* (*aphtharsian*, sincerity/purity). Some manuscripts omit *ἀφθαρσίαν*. The point: teaching content (uncorrupted) and manner (dignified) must align. Style and substance both matter.

Historical Context

Titus's youth (compared to Paul) required especially careful conduct to earn respect. In honor-shame culture, personal example carried more weight than abstract argument. The Greco-Roman rhetorical tradition valued *decorum* (*πρέπον*, *prepon*)—appropriate speech and conduct befitting the message. Paul demands this for gospel ministers.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. Leaders: is your life an imitable pattern, or do you say "do as I say, not as I do"?
2. Does your teaching exhibit integrity, dignity, and sincerity, or do gimmicks and entertainment replace substance?
3. In what specific ways do your works confirm or contradict your words—where's the gap between profession and practice?

Interlinear Text

περὶ	πάντα	σεαυτὸν	παρεχόμενος	τύπον	καλῶν	ἔργων
In	all things	thyself	shewing	a pattern	of good	works
G4012	G3956	G4572	G3930	G5179	G2570	G2041
ἐν	τῇ	διδασκαλίᾳ	ἀδιάφθορίαν,	σεμνότητα		
in		doctrine	shewing uncorruptness	gravity		
G1722	G3588	G1319	G90	G4587		
ἀφθαρσίαν,						
sincerity						
G861						

Additional Cross-References

1 Peter 5:3 (Parallel theme): Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

1 Timothy 4:12 (Parallel theme): Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

2 Corinthians 4:2 (Parallel theme): But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

Philippians 1:10 (Sin): That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;

Ephesians 6:24 (Sin): Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

2 Corinthians 1:12 (Sin): For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.

2 Thessalonians 3:9 (Parallel theme): Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us.

2 Corinthians 2:17 (Sin): For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.