

The Biblical Believer Pt 2

Titus 2:6-10

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, in order that the opponent may 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 that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect.

Likewise connects younger men w/ what so far has been written. What they need to learn is not different from what others learn. The need for godliness is the same for all ages & stages of life. A change of emphasis is needed at different seasons of life.

Sensible Describes one whose passions are under control—strength of mind--has learned to direct sinful tendencies in prayer to God. Carnal desires put in proper place & not having free reign in young man's life. 2

Tim 2:22 Now flee from youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

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Teaching others is the easy part, living before them is the challenge. Titus' teaching was only as good as his *living example*. *Tupos* pattern, imprint of engraving tool stamping a coin. Often more caught than taught.

Good deeds-watch his actions what does he actually do or **all** talk **no** walk

Pure in doctrine Doctrinal integrity, stability & longevity—what bible says it means. W/o ulterior motives, own agenda, self promotion, not twisting scripture to make it say what you want.

Dignified – not aloof or prideful but conscious of responsibility that comes w/ call to position of leading God's sheep.

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Speech that can't be laid hold of – knows what he is saying before he says it, declaring truth & not his own opinions. Pr 10:19 *Keep the main thing the main thing.* Getting on soap box to promote some strange idea or new unbiblical revelation ruins ministries gives opponents reason to criticize condemn church & word of God. *Greatest compliment of any ministry is they are too biblical.*

Opponent – adversary—there will always be bible critics, enemies of the cross who have their guns pointed & ready to shoot. But don't give them ammunition, live & teach in such a way that contrary people can't find grounds of accusation. As Jesus said to his detractors *'Which one of you convicts me of sin? Jn 8:46.* The effect is they go away ashamed.

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Bondslaves – Christian worker--work & worship intertwined—good workers are often good worshipers—poor workers are poor worshipers

posers—Centurions learned principle of faith, discipline & authority on the job—who became worshipers: Cornelius, Greater faith, At cross

Sociologist **Bradley Wright** research of Christian & non Christian workers. The variable that predicts workplace behavior isn't the Christian label but **the degree to which faith is internally motivated versus externally performed**

A genuine Christian worldview, where work is seen as a calling & workers as image-bearers w/ integrity as non-negotiable before God produces a measurably different workers. But that describes a minority even w/in Christianity.

John 12:46 "I have come as light into the world, that everyone who believes in Me may not remain in darkness.47 "And if anyone hears My sayings, and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world, but to save

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the world. 48 "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day. 49 "For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me commandment, what to say, and what to speak. 50 "And I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me."

Extensive research by the Barna Group **spiritual trends** highlights the "lifestyle gap" between Christians & non-Christians

Be subject military term to rank under--follow their lead in all things--15 yrs old **rubbing rails**. Following prepares you to lead. **In everything** the boss is not omniscient but being boss have right to be wrong at times.

Well pleasing---boss knows you are dependable, given a task & boss can forget about it, count on you until it's done. You show results, keep informed so boss can move on to other projects.

If boss has to look over your shoulder make sure you are doing what supposed to, keep reminding you, following up, you make excuses, not getting job done it's frustrating & have to give job to someone else. We need to be better for Jesus than for world. We witness Christ on the job-Ex.

Pr 25:19 Like a bad tooth and an unsteady foot is confidence in a faithless man in time of trouble...

Boss not have to think twice about loyalty. It top priority next to **skill**. Can teach skill can't teach loyalty. If not loyal, no peace, no confidence, always wondering, watching to see if and when disloyalty will show itself. Very troubling for a leader to sense a lack of loyalty, lack of trust.

1Pet 2:18-21 Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable. 19 For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a man bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly. 20 For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God. 21 For you have

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been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,

Not argumentative—contradicting—you may know more about a particular aspect of a job than the boss & give your opinion but if boss hears & wants to do his way then go along w/o grumbling or complaining.

You made your case, it rejected so don't talk behind bosses back or hope his plan fails so *'I told you so*. Bosses do learn & willing to hear you out next time. But some people have a contrary attitude in everything. Skill can be learned but attitude comes from the heart.

Not pilfering-not stealing—Wal-Mart world's largest retailer losses 2 Bill in employee theft & shoplifting every year. According to the National Retail Federation's 2025 report, total retail loss estimated at \$132. **Employee theft** is a massive issue for businesses today, costing companies an estimated \$50 billion annually. Approximately 67% of employees admit to committing some form of workplace theft, w/ time theft & the misuse of company supplies. Saying *I deserve it--they won't miss it--I've earned it--they have more than they need*. If you are a thief in a little you will be a thief in a lot, given the opportunity.

Eph 4:28 Let him who steals steal no longer; but rather let him labor, performing with his own hands what is good, in order that he may have something to share with him who has need.

Gum in agape box... *your robbing God in tithes & offerings--stop thief'*

Showing all good faith – living faith not just saying it. Actions speak louder than words..we *may adorn the doctrine of Christ*, bring beauty to Jesus words by our life in every respect, in everything.

Next the appearing of Christ