

Paul, writing to Titus, gives him instruction as he serves churches on the island of Crete. His job is “putting what remained in order” (1:5) after Paul has left. This involves appointing elders (1:5–16) and teaching the believers how to follow Christ in daily living—“what accords with sound doctrine” (2:1–3:11).

Titus 2

Responsibility #2: Teaching Believers (2:1–3:11)

Is just teaching correct doctrine enough?

Older Christian men need to be reminded to be (2:2):

- Serious-minded
- Dignified
- Self-disciplined
- Robust in their faith in Jesus Christ
- Fervent in their love for God and others
- Committed in their perseverance

Older Christian women need to be reminded to be (2:3):

- Appropriate in their conduct
- Gracious in their speech
- Not enslaved to wine
- Teaching what is good
- Training younger women

Younger Christian women need to be trained—by the older women—to (2:4–5):

- Love their husbands and children
- Discipline their lives and hearts
- Remain pure
- Manage their homes
- Respectfully follow their husbands’ leadership

Younger Christian men need to be reminded to be (2:6):

- Self-disciplined

Titus needed to be reminded to be (2:7–8):

- An example of godly living
- A careful teacher
- Serious in his responsibilities
- Accurate in his teaching of God’s Word

Christian employees need to be reminded to be (2:9–10):

- Obedient to their employers
- Desirous of following their employers' wishes
- Honest in their stewardship, using their employers' time and resources with integrity
- Jewels in the crown of a correct understanding of who God is

Questions to Think About

What are some consistent themes about which Christians of all ages need to be reminded (2:1–6)?

What are some of the age and gender-specific challenges and why do you suppose they are mentioned?

Which of these commands do you personally find challenging and why? How do you purpose to pursue “adorning the doctrine of God our Savior” in these commands?

Key Verse: “For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age” (Titus 2:14–15).