

## INSTRUCTION & EXAMPLE FOR YOUNGER MEN

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*Text:* Titus 2:6-8

<sup>6</sup> *Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded.* <sup>7</sup> *In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,* <sup>8</sup> *Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.*

### Introduction

- Paul has a simple instruction for Titus with respect to the young men in the church, namely: “*exhort [them] to be sober minded*” (v. 6)
- Then he exhort Titus to set them a good example (v. 7).
- We may summarise what he says under 3 propositions.

#### 1. The Minister must Exhort; Young Men must be Sober-minded

<sup>6</sup> *Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded.*

- a. “Exhort” = *parakalevw*, i.e. “call to one’s side.” Not command, but encourage and entreat.
- b. “Sober-minded” = *swfronevw* (cf. v. 1: “temperate”; v. 5: “discrete”). Self-control and discipline would describe what young men need.
- c. Matthew Henry:
 

“[Young men] are apt to be eager and hot, thoughtless and precipitant; therefore they must be earnestly called upon and exhorted to be considerate, not rash; advisable and submissive, not wilful and head-strong; humble and mild, not haughty and proud; for there are more young people ruined by pride than by any other sin. The young should be grave and solid in their deportment and manners, joining the seriousness of age with the liveliness and vigour of youth.”

**2. The Minister must Exemplify; Young Men must Imitate**

<sup>7</sup> *In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works:*

- a. Ministers must set a good example to the flock (1 Pet 5:3; 2 Th 3:9; Acts 20:33-35).
- b. Ministers must especially set a good example for the young men in the church.
- c. Young men should seek to imitate their ministers as they imitate Christ (1 Cor 11:1).

**3. The Minister must be Sound; Young Men must be Respectful**

<sup>7b</sup> *in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,* <sup>8</sup> *Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.*

- a. Ministers must also teach and preach. This is even more important than setting a good example (cf. Mt 23:2-3).
- b. Ministers must preach the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27). They must do so with uncorruptness, gravity and sincerity that their speech be “sound” or healthy and cannot be condemned.
- c. The minister must win the respect of the flock. The young men must seek to be respectful.

**Conclusion**