

doctrine in a proper way. Your words are to be healthy so they cannot be condemned.

2. The Reasons for His Duties

a. God gave these duties

- 1) This ought to be reason enough to take it seriously.
- 2) After all He has done for us, we ought to give Him our best.

b. The devil is always trying to harm Christianity

- 1) Whether it is causing Christian young women to be slack in their duties so the world will blaspheme God's word (v.5), or causing Christian young men to be ignorant of doctrine so they will look like fools when opposed (v.8), the devil is always trying to harm God's work.

- 2) Scripture warns us of Satan's tactics.

✠ (1 Peter 5:8) "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:"

c. Living proper doctrine will shame opposers

- 1) When the character, conduct, and coaching of young men is biblically sound, those who oppose may be ashamed.
- 2) They will have no true evil thing to say of you.

Conclusion: Young men, what does God think of your character, conduct, and coaching? Does he see you making constant progress, or does he find you lacking? None of us is perfect, but each of us ought to be making progress. If your progress is lacking or slow, there is only one solution. Ask God to give you a passion to fulfil your duties and get to work. Put off the old man and put on the new man. Walk in the Spirit through a flourishing relationship with God. Study the Bible daily, not to tick a box but to gain and grow. Determine to become a godly example for others to follow.

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Doctrine for Young Men

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Introduction: In Titus chapter two, the Holy Spirit teaches us sound doctrine for everyday living. He breaks it down into age and gender sections so each of us know exactly on what we specifically need to work. In each section, He addresses issues difficult for that group. The words addressed to the young men are no exception.

Transition: This evening we are going to learn the duties of a Christian young man and the reason for his duties.

1. The Description of a Young Man's Duties

a. Duties of character

- 1) Titus was to exhort the young men
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 - b) The word "exhort" describes mentoring. It is more than teaching. It is interacting, caring and building a life in the right direction.
- 2) Young men must be **sober minded**. This means that they are to be in their right minds, self-controlled, to curb their passions, and to have a humble opinion of themselves.
(Compare Thayer's definition)
- 3) Character begins in the heart and mind. **Your character is not what you show on the outside, but what you are on the inside.**

✧ *Someone has said that you can know your character by what you do when you are all alone and sure that no one will ever know.*

- 4) God wants young men to have character that is self-controlled and humbly dependent on the Holy Spirit for strength.

✠ (Galatians 5:16-17) "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh:

and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.”

b. Duties of conduct

- 1) Titus was not just to exhort, he was also to be an pattern for the young men to follow.
 - a) The word “pattern” means a mark or a print (as a brand hammered into the end of a log), an example, a type, a patter (like a sewing pattern), a form (like a mould that produces an identical form).
 - b) Titus was to be an example of good works. This speaks of his conduct which was to be good works.
- 2) Young men are to follow Titus’ good example of conduct. Good works do not save us, but they ought to be present if we know Christ. The Bible often mentions good works.
 - a) They are one’s outward testimony
✠ (Matthew 5:16) "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."
 - b) They are kind, helpful deeds.
✠ (Acts 9:36) "Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did."
 - c) They are learned from the Bible.
✠ (2 Timothy 3:16-17) "All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."
 - d) They will cause unbelievers to glorify God one day.
✠ (1 Peter 2:12) "Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation."

c. Duties of coaching

A coach is one who teaches and supervises others. This is one of the duties of young men. God has given men the

responsibility of teaching their wives (1Co 14:35), teaching their children (De 6:7), teaching other men (2Ti 2:2), and preaching to unbelievers (Mr 16:15).

- 1) Young men are to know **right doctrine**. Young men, before you can teach others, you must know what the Bible says. This includes the practical Bible doctrine of this chapter (Tit 2:1), but also formal Bible doctrine.
 - a) You cannot teach your wife, your children, or anyone else something you do not know. Careful Bible study takes discipline, time, and effort.
✠ (2 Timothy 2:15) "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."
 - b) Men, can you list the ten major doctrines in the Bible? Can you give a basic explanation of each?
 - (1) Bibliology – Doctrine of the Bible
 - (2) Theology – Doctrine of God
 - (3) Christology – Doctrine of Christ
 - (4) Pneumatology – Doctrine of Holy Spirit
 - (5) Hamartiology – Doctrine of sin
 - (6) Anthropology – Doctrine of man
 - (7) Angelology – Doctrine of angels
 - (8) Soteriology – Doctrine of salvation
 - (9) Ecclesiology – Doctrine of church
 - (10) Eschatology – Doctrine of future events
 - c) Your knowledge of doctrine must have three characteristics:
 - (1) It must have **uncorruptness**. In other words it must be pure, true to the Bible.
 - (2) It must have **gravity**. In other words it must be respectable, honourable, serious, noble. You must be walking close to the Lord and know well studied.
 - (3) It must have **sincerity**. In other words it must be unbendable, indestructible. Your doctrine must have a solid Bible foundation.
- 2) Young men are to have **sound speech**. You are to speak