



1 Have you ever heard someone ridicule Christianity on the grounds that Christians are “just a bunch of hypocrites?” Where do you think an accusation like that comes from? Why do those looking in on Christianity place so much emphasis on a person’s faith being genuine and having a noticeable effect on their life?

 From what we’ve learned so far in Titus, what is the connection between sound teaching and godliness? What is at stake when it comes to Christian behavior matching Christian doctrine?

 How would you employ this text in a conversation with someone who claimed to be a believer but was living in an ungodly way?


2 In Titus 2, why do you think Paul separates believers into the categories older men, younger men, older women, younger women, and slaves? What do you notice about the list of categories he addresses?

 Which category do you fit into? What temptations do you find more pronounced or prevalent in light of the expectations God gives in these verses?


 What habits of holiness are required in your life to faithfully fulfill these God-honoring expectations?

 What are 2-3 things in your life that you need to turn from in order to support these habits?

3 How would you describe self-control in the Christian life? What is it? What is it not?


 Why do you think self-control is such a crucial virtue? What do you notice about the placement of it in the list of qualities in 2 Peter 1:5-7?

 What are the things that keep you from living in self-control in your own life?

 Do people become naturally more self-controlled with age? What does it take to develop this characteristic?

 Read Galatians 5:22-23. What connection do you see between the fruit of the Spirit and Paul's instructions in Titus 2? What does this teach you about how you become a godly person?


4 **Where do today's average young men/women learn to behave and think?** What would be different if godly older women or men were the loudest voices in our society to mentor those who are younger?


 Which elements of a mother mentoring her daughter come naturally? Which elements must be developed intentionally?

 What do older men as mentors provide for young men that is different from what younger men would provide? From what women would provide?

 How have you seen those 2 aspects worked out in the family of faith?

5 **If you are younger, what does it look like to respect your elders in the church?** If you are older, what does it look like to live a life worthy of the respect of those younger than you? Are you using your position intentionally to help teach and train those younger than you?

 How do you need to be disciplined, or to discipline someone?

 What are some ideas that you have to actively pursue doing this? Think in simple, tangible next steps.

6 **Read Titus 2:5, 9-10.** What are some ways a good servant adorns the gospel? How have you seen this demonstrated in a secular workplace?

 How does the proper implementation of submission keep the gospel from being slandered? How can an improper understanding of submission provoke ridicule from outsiders?

 From Titus 2:9-10, how can you strive as an employee to better adorn the doctrine of God your Savior?