

## Back to Basics

### 3. Godliness – what does it mean to live for God? (Titus 2v1-15)

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**Bible references:** Titus 1:5, 12, Eph. 5, Titus 1:9

## Titus 2v1-15 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine. <sup>2</sup> Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance.

<sup>3</sup> Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. <sup>4</sup> Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, <sup>5</sup> to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no-one will malign the word of God.

<sup>6</sup> Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled. <sup>7</sup> In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness <sup>8</sup> and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.

<sup>9</sup> Teach slaves to be subject to their masters in everything, to try to please them, not to talk back to them, <sup>10</sup> and not to steal from them, but to show that they can be fully trusted, so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive.

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. <sup>12</sup> It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, <sup>13</sup> while we wait for the blessed hope--the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

<sup>15</sup> These, then, are the things you should teach. Encourage and rebuke with all authority. Do not let anyone despise you.

Some books on godliness on the bookstall:

Kevin DeYoung, "*The hole in our holiness*" (If you've never read anything on holiness this is the best modern one-stop introduction; lots of good contemporary application)

Paul Tripp and Timothy Lane, "*How people change*" (longer book aimed at helping Christians change in particular areas)

Tim Chester, "*You can change*" (Great, practical book on change and growth as a Christian; shorter and more readable than "How people change" (above))