

## Qualities of a Sound Church – Titus 2:1-8

### Introduction

- Can you define “soundness”?

### I. Older Men (v. 1-2)

1. The instructions that are about to be given in the following verses are for the purpose of sound \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. What would be the motivation for not adhering to sound doctrine, according to 2 Timothy 4:3?  
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2. The older, more mature men of the church are to develop and possess the following characteristics:
  - a. Sober – the ability to think C \_\_\_ R \_\_\_ Y.
    - i. According to Proverbs 23:33, what does alcohol do to clear thinking?  
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  - b. Reverent – a state of humble R \_\_\_ P \_\_\_ T, dignified (ESV)
  - c. Temperate – \_\_\_ F-controlled (Gal. 5:22-23)
  - d. Sound in the \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ T \_\_\_ – Soundness is mentioned once again. God-pleasing faith (Heb. 11:6)
  - e. Love – The 1st and 2nd C \_\_\_ MM \_\_\_ D (Mark 12:29ff)
  - f. Patience – L \_\_\_ G \_\_\_ FF \_\_\_ N \_\_\_ (steadfastness (ESV) again, soundness)

### II. Older Women (v. 3)

3. What word is used to indicate that the older woman must possess the previously mentioned traits?  
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4. The older, more mature women of the church are to develop and possess the following characteristics:
  - a. Reverent in behavior – “as becomes H \_\_\_ N \_\_\_ SS” (KJV)
  - b. Not slanderers – “F \_\_\_ S \_\_\_ accusers” (KJV)
  - c. Not much wine – “S \_\_\_ V \_\_\_ to wine” (ESV) not given to those things which enslave
  - d. Teachers of good things – Is this justification for older women to speak or teach publically in the church? \_\_\_\_\_ (see 1 Corinthians 14:34-35)

### III. Young Women (v.4)

5. The young women are instructed to \_\_\_\_\_ their husbands and children.
  - a. Discrete – S \_\_\_ -controlled in her behavior (ESV)
  - b. Chaste – “pure and modest” in her appearance and behavior
    - i. What type of clothing should the Christian woman wear? ((1 Timothy 2:9–10)  
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- c. Homemakers – “workers at home” (ESV); “keepers at home” (KJV)
  - i. What does the virtuous woman of Proverbs 31 do for her household? (Proverbs 31:27)
  - \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Good and obedient – Not as a slave, but giving the husband respect as the head
  - i. Wives, \_\_\_\_\_ to your own husbands, as to the Lord. (Ephesians 5:22)

#### IV. The Young Men (v.6-8)

- 6. The young men of the church are to be taught and exhibit the following characteristics:
  - a. The word “likewise” is used again, so the young men should possess “all” of the previously mentioned traits.
  - b. Sober-minded – clear thinking
    - i. Why is it important for the Christian to be alert and think clearly? (1 Peter 5:8)
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  - c. A pattern of good works – “Let your \_\_\_\_\_ shine.” (Matthew 5:16)
    - i. 1 Timothy 4:12 says that young men should be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. Integrity in doctrine – again, this is soundness.
    - i. Not “carried about with every W \_\_\_ \_\_\_ of doctrine.” (Ephesians 4:14–15)
  - e. Reverence – R \_\_\_ P \_\_\_ T for God and man, dignity
  - f. Incorruptibility – not corruptible
    - i. “And do not be \_\_\_\_\_ to this world.” (Romans 12:2)
  - g. Sound speech
    - i. “Let no C \_\_\_ RR \_\_\_ T word proceed out of your mouth.” (Ephesians 4:29)
    - ii. He must have a good testimony among those who are O \_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1 Timothy 3:7)

#### V. Conclusion

- 7. We must realize that the qualities of a sound church are found in the qualities of \_\_\_\_\_ members.