

Taken from **Titus 2:1-8**,

“(1) But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine: (2) that the older men be:

- *Sober - Self-controlled, sound minded; watchful; diplomatic and careful to consider all circumstances and possible consequences of thoughts and actions.*
- *Reverent - Dignity coupled with reverent behavior. Venerable, reputable. It is a quality of majestic and awe-inspiring nobility which is inviting rather than repelling.*
- *Temperate - self-restrained in passions, temper & desires; self-disciplined in regard to one’s freedoms and sound in mind*
- *sound in faith - Solid and dependable in biblical understanding. Safe & uncorrupted in doctrine.*
- *in love - Agape*
- *in patience - it is associated with hope and refers to that quality of character which does not allow one to surrender to circumstances or fold under trial.*

(3) the older women be:

- *Reverent in behavior - Live a lifestyle that is clearly set apart for God and your husband*
- *not slanderers - One who causes division through unverified or false accusations*
- *not given to much wine - Not addicted to alcohol*
- *teachers of good things (for their children and the younger women in the Christian community) admonishing them to:*
 - *Be sober - Trained to think and act discreetly and in moderation rather than excess.*
 - *love their husbands - Be his loving friend*
 - *to love their children - A caring parent who loves and is a friend to her children*
 - *to be discreet (self-restrained in passions, temper & desires; self-disciplined in regard to one’s freedoms and sound in mind)*
 - *Chaste - (Morally pure and holy)*
 - *Homemakers - (A keeper at home, one who looks after domestic affairs with prudence and care - Illustrated in Prov. 31)*
 - *Good - (faithful to her husband as well as profitable and useful to him)*
 - *obedient to their own husbands - Hupotasso*

Exhort the young men to be:

- *Sober-minded - Solid in judgment, lives of moderation and self-discipline.*
- *A pattern of good works in all things - Virtuous and Godly works benefiting others. A life which serves as an example to others.*
- *Integrity in doctrine - Integrity in teaching and instructing accurate Christian truths.*
- *Reverent - Decent, dignity & seriousness. Semnótēs stands between caring to please nobody and endeavoring at all costs to please everybody. It is the ability not only to perform well one's duties as a citizen, but also to adhere to the highest principles and ideals of earth and heaven, and thus drawing respect and approval. (Comparable to #2)*
- *Incorruptibility - Scriptural beliefs which will not degrade or get corrupted over time.*
- *Wholesome in speech - Solid in speech which cannot be easily censured - because it is so clear, straightforward and honest.*

So that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.”

Take this list and in your own words:

- **Explain how ‘in heart and function’ these lists differ.**
- **Explain how these differences support God’s stated purpose for the genders.**

Men:

- Diplomatic and aware of consequences for actions.
- Dignified and noble
- Solid in Doctrine
- Solid in self-sacrificial love
- Filled with Hope which does not waver under trial
- Clear in judgment - moderate in lifestyle
- Pattern of godly living
- Able to teach clear, biblical doctrine

Women:

- Clearly set apart for God & husband
- Not a gossip or one who slanders
- Not addicted to alcohol
- Able to teach her children and the younger women in the assemblies
- Think and act with discretion
- Be a companion to your husband
- Be friendly to your children
- Morally pure and non-seductive
- Mindful manager of the home
- Faithful and profitable to husband - helper
- Obedient to her head

Specifically to Men

Specifically to Women