Titus 2:1-15

Healthy Teaching

Paul wrote these words: 1 But YOU must continue to speak proper things for healthy teaching. 2 Tell the older men to be serious, worthy of respect, self-controlled, healthy in their faith, loving, and enduring.

3 In the same way, tell the older women to live the way holy women should live and not to be gossips or slaves to wine. They should be teachers of good things. 4 Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, 5 to control themselves, to be pure, to be good homemakers, to be morally good, and to obey their husbands. Then no one can say evil things about God’s message.

6 In the same way, encourage the younger men to control themselves. 7 You yourself must set an example in everything by doing good deeds. When you teach, be serious and be sincere. 8 Offer a healthy message that cannot be criticized, so that an enemy will feel ashamed, having nothing bad to say against us.

9 Tell slaves to obey their own masters in everything. They must please them and not talk back. 10 They must not steal from them. Instead, slaves must show that they are good and can be trusted completely. Then the teaching of God, our Savior, will look beautiful in every way.

11 The gracious love of God has appeared to save all mankind. 12 It trains us to say no to ungodly ways and worldly desires, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this world. 13 We are eagerly waiting for the blessed hope and the glorious appearance of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. 14 He gave himself for us, so that he could redeem us from every kind of sin. He wanted to make a nation clean for his very own, a nation eager to do good deeds. 15 Continue saying these things. Keep on encouraging and correcting with full authority. Don’t let anyone look down on you!