1 – “**Adorning The Doctrine”**

Titus 2:10-14

2 - ***“Adorning the doctrine” -*** The general context of Titus 2:11-14

* Speak things that are ***“fitting for sound doctrine”***. (verse 1; note 1:10-11)
* Brethren need to fulfill their roles in the church:
  + Older men - *“Temperate”, “****Sound in faith,*** *love, and perseverance”* (vs. 2).
  + Older women - “*reverent*”, teachers of “*what is good*” to the younger women regarding their roles. (vs. 3-5)
  + Younger men (including Titus) to be “*sensible”* proving to be *“examples of good deeds”.* (vs. 6-8)
* All are exhorted to ***“adorn the doctrine in every respect”*** (cf. verse 10)

3 - ***“For, The Grace of God has appeared…”*** Titus 2:11

***“For”*** connects the ideas of ***“sound doctrine”*** and **God’s grace** and explains how we “adorn the doctrine”.

* The ***“appearance”*** of **God’s grace in Jesus Christ**.   
  (3:4; 1 Peter 1:20; 2 Timothy 1:10)
* ***“The grace of God appeared… instructing us”***.   
  God’s grace made known through the message Jesus taught. (Romans 5:1-2; Ephesians 3:11-12)

4 - ***“For, The Grace of God has appeared… Teaching us…”*** Titus 2:11

**Jesus always pointed to His teaching.**

* That’s why He came. (Mark 1:38)
* He taught the will of His Father to give eternal life.   
  (John 6:45, 68; 7:16)
* Jesus expects a response to and change from His teaching. (Luke 6:47)

5 - ***“For, The Grace of God has appeared… Teaching us…”*** Titus 2:11

**Jesus taught...**

* **The Kingdom** (The nature, identity and growth of the kingdom)
* **The King** (Jesus came to teach us about the Father)
* **The citizens in the Kingdom** (How we enter and how we’re to act)

6 - **We are taught to “deny”…**

* The word ***“deny”*** is most often (26 of 33 times) used in connection with those who reject Jesus. (Titus 1:16; 2 Timothy 2:12; Luke 12:9)
* To “**disavow, reject”** (Strong) **or “disown… forsake, or renounce a thing”** (Vine)
* Applied to ***“oneself”***. (Matthew 16:24; Galatians 5:17)
* **A deliberate renunciation**

7 - **Deny “*Ungodliness*”**

* **Disregard for, or defiance of, God’s person** and subsequently **His law**. (Vine) (Romans 1:18-20; 1 Timothy 1:9; 2 Timothy 2:16)
* It’s **progressive and has no restraints** which lead to *“perilous* (KJV) *times”* (2 Timothy 2:16; 3:1).
* We must ***“pursue”*** (1 Timothy 6:11) grow in our ***“godliness”.***   
  (2 Peter 1:6-7)
* **Why must we deny ALL ungodliness**?
  + Will not inherit the kingdom of heaven. (Galatians 5:19-21)
  + Eternal condemnation awaits. (2 Peter 3:7)

8 - **Denying “Worldly Lusts”**

* ***“Lusts”*** – “Strong desires of any kind” (Vine)   
  (positive: Philippians 1:23; negative (vast majority): 2 Timothy 2:22)
* ***“Worldly”*** – indicates the carnal, sinful lusts we are to avoid and which arise out of an “ungodly” heart. (Romans 13:13-14)
  + Defined as: “**of or pertaining to this world**,” the natural and fleshly realm.
* Includes:
  + Lust for more and more material wealth. (1 Tim. 6:6-10; Matt. 6:19-21)
  + Sinful pleasures & evil habits. (Galatians 5:16ff; Hebrews 11:24-26)

ALL UNGODLINESS AND WORLDLY LUSTS. (Colossians 3:5-9)

9 - ***“We must live…”***

* “The **narrative** of how one **spent** his life” (Complete Word Study Dictionary)
* Our “***walk***” - the whole round of our lives and existence with daily application to be made. (Eph. 5:15; Col. 1:10; 1 Thess. 2:12)
* It’s up to us to **deliberately, purposefully** and **consciously choose** how we **spend** our lives! (1 Peter 4:1-3)

10 - ***We must live… “Soberly”***

* ***“Soberly”*** – With sound mind. “The exercise of that self-restraint that **governs all passions and desires**, enabling the believer to be conformed to the mind of Christ.” (Vine)
* Self-control over one’s desires, passions, appetites and **thoughts**. (cf. , 2 Corinthians 10:5; Philippians 4:8; Colossians 3:1-2)
* Because of our adversary. (1 Peter 5:8; 1:13; 1 Thessalonians 5:6-8)
* We cannot live righteously and godly if we aren’t living “***soberly***”.

11 - ***We must live… “Soberly”***

Peter identifies three things to think about to help our sober thinking:

1. **Our hope** at the revelation of Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 1:13)
2. The **righteous judgment** of all people. (1 Peter 4:7)
3. **Our adversary** who seeks to destroy us. (1 Peter 5:8)

12 - ***We must live… “Righteously”***

* ***“Righteously”*** – “uprightly, **agreeably** to the law of rectitude” (Thayer) and the “right standard”.
* To **walk by faith**: (Hebrews 10:38; 11:4)
* It’s both a **relationship** and a “***practice***”. (1 John 2:28-29; 3:7;   
  Acts 10:34-35; Psalms 106:3; Habakkuk 2:4)
* **To be pursued**… (Matthew 5:6; 2 Timothy 2:22; Psalms 106:3)
* **To be proclaimed…** (Psalms 40:9-10)
* **Not a matter of perfection**. (Proverbs 24:16)

13 - ***We must live… “Righteously”***

1. **Right standard of behavior** to please God – (Proverbs 8:20;   
   **Matthew 5:20**; 2 Timothy 3:16)
2. **Right standing before God** – legally, to be declared right.   
   (Romans 3:21-26; 10:10; 1 Corinthians 1:30)
3. **Right relationship with God** – forgiveness, fellowship, reconciled.   
   (Romans 1:16-17; **2 Corinthians 5:21**; **Philippians 3:6-9**)

14 - **We must live… “Godly”**

* It embraces that fear and reverence of God that must characterize both our attitudes and conduct. (cf. Hebrews 11:7; 2 Timothy 3:12; 2 Peter 2:9)
* **Regard for, and submission to, God’s person** and subsequently **His law**. (Vine) (Romans 1:18-20;   
  1 Timothy 1:9; 2 Timothy 2:16)

15 - **Grace teaches us to…**

**Deny:**

* + Ungodliness
  + Worldly lusts

**Live:**

* + Soberly
  + Righteously
  + Godly

**By which we “adorn the doctrine”!**

16 – ***Adorning the doctrine***

Changes all of our relationships:

* + ***“Live soberly”*** - To self. (Self-mastery)
  + ***“Live righteously”*** - To neighbors. (Fairness)
  + ***“Live Godly”*** - To God. (Devotion)