



PART 4

Titus 2:1-2

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“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.” (Galatians 5:22-25)

Titus 2:1-2

1 But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine. 2 Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness.

What does it look like for the older men
in the church to willingly submit
themselves to God's authority?

Those submitting to Jesus' leadership
are...

- SOBER-MINDED

- Clear thinking, temperate, not
"mind drunk"

Symptoms of Drunkenness

- Emotional instability (easily excited or saddened)
- Loss of coordination and balance
- Blurry vision
- Trouble making judgment calls or remembering things
- Feeling tired or drowsy

“For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, being ready to punish every disobedience...”

(2 Corinthians 10:3-6)

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers... do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

(Romans 12:1-3)

2 Timothy 4:3

“For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.”

1 Peter 1:13-15

“Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct.”

1 Peter 4:7–9

"The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling."

1 Peter 5:6–8

“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”

*“...[so] that the word of God may not be
reviled.” (Titus 2:5)*

Those submitting to Jesus' leadership
are...

- DIGNIFIED

- Rising above what is tasteless,
vulgar, or crass; noble; respectable

Those submitting to Jesus' leadership
are...

- SELF-CONTROLLED
- SOUND (healthy) IN FAITH, LOVE,
& STEADFASTNESS