

INTRODUCTION

1. Unusual things can make sense if you know what lies ahead.
2. Tit 2:11-14 - v12b. Instructed by grace: put off & put on. v13 expect 2nd coming & live in anticipation. Live *sensibly* in rln to self; *righteously* in rln to others & *godly* in rln to God. Tonight live *sensibly*.

1st: A Survey of NT Sensibility

1. *Sensibly* concerns personal mindset - word study...
2. Lk 8:35 in his right mind = Grk term: sensible: thinking patterns; opposite of the life influenced by demonic lies: self-destructive rage [v27ff].
3. Paul: self-defense - preach repent & Jesus' resurrection - A 26:24-25. Festus: Paul is "maniac". Paul: *words of sober truth*.
4. R 12:3 realism & honesty re: self: humility
5. 2C 5:13 sound mind contrasted w/ *beside ourselves*. [Mrk 3:21 *He has lost His senses* (lit stand outside self)].
6. 1T 2:9-10 discreetly = sensible. Feminine godliness in appearance.
 - i. *proper clothing* (cosmetic); *discreetly w/ modesty*: decency.
 - ii. 3:15 - how to behave - fitting to worship & edification
7. 1T 2:15 child bearing: distinctive femininity - a life of faith & love w/ *self restraint* (sensible).
8. 1 T 3:2 elders - the way a man thinks; reasonably; sound, realism
9. 2 T 1:7 not *timid* & ashamed [v8]: *power, love & discipline*
10. 1 Pt 4:7 b/c 2nd coming is near, *be of sound judgment* (sensible) & *sober spirit* or mind (*temperate* in 1T3:2) - evidenced in one's prayer life.

2nd: The Cretan Need for Sensibility

1. Titus has 3 chpts (46 vss), *sensible* 6x - Tit 1:12-13. Quote of Epimenides - Cretan's notorious reputation.
 - i. *Always liars*: to Cretanize = to lie//cheat [Corinthianize = sexual perversity]. Locations assoc'd w/ vices.
 - ii. *Evil beasts*: animal-like cruelty & violence
 - iii. *Lazy gluttons*: indulgent, slothful, poor work ethic
 - iv. Does gospel tolerate & accommodate to culture? No - v13.
2. Tit 1:8 saw in 1T 3:2 - sound thinking exemplified in leaders.
3. Tit 2:2 Older men - *sensible*
4. Tit 2:4 Older women: *sensible* is verb: *encourage* - admonish by example & instruction - teach self-control & exert moral influence
5. Tit 2:5 younger women - *sensible*. Why? Spiritual warfare
6. Tit 2:6 younger men - *sensible*. Titus' example v7-8. And - Tit 2:12.
7. Summarize survey: 1) context of gospel realities; 2) in rln to self; 3) rlts to one's thots; 4) expressed in behavior

Applic #1: Christian Life May Look Crazy- Makes Sense in View of Eternity

1. Does my life make sense in view of Final Judgment?
2. When was last time your zeal was such that unconverted person told you that you were crazy?
3. Unbeliever: your lifestyle looks crazy to Christ.