

Getting Truth into Mouth

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Introduction:

III. Sound Doctrine and Pastoral Exhortation (2:1-15)

A. Call to Pastoral Exhortation Issued (2:1)

B. Specifics of Pastoral Exhortation Detailed (2:2-10)

1. Opening observations

2. To older men (2:2)

3. To older women (2:3-5)

a. In themselves (2:3)

tell older women, likewise, in demeanor to be as befits sacred women: not slanderers, not enslaved to a lot of wine, teachers of what is good, [DJP]

b. In their ministry to younger women (2:4-5)

that they should make the young women level-headed *so as* to be lovers of their husbands,¹ lovers of their children,² level-headed,³ pure, home-workers,⁴ generous,⁵ subordinating themselves to their own husbands, in order that the word of God should not be blasphemed. [DJP]

i. What they do: make them level-headed (v. 4a)

(1) Meaning

(2) Need

ii. What they aim at producing (vv. 4b-5)

(1) *In* the young women's lives (vv. 4b-5a)

(a) Commitments (v. 4b)

(i) "Lovers of their husbands"

(ii) "Lovers of their children"

(b) Character (v. 5a)

(i) "Level-headed"

(ii) "Pure"

¹ One word in Greek: "husband-lovers."

² One word in Greek: "child-lovers."

³ Noun form of the verb translated "make...level-headed" in v. 4.

⁴ Literally "home-workers."

⁵ Or "kind"; literally "good."

- (c) Priorities (v. 5a)
 - (i) “Home-workers:

- (ii) “Generous”

- (d) Attitude: “subordinating themselves to their own husbands” (v. 5b)

- (2) *By the young women’s lives*: “in order that the word of God should not be blasphemed” (v. 5c)

- 3. To younger men (2:6-8)
 - a. By word (2:6)
 - Likewise exhort the younger men to be level-headed,
 - i. Meaning
 - ii. Need
 - b. By example (2:7-8)
 - in all things⁶ providing yourself *as an* example of good works: in doctrine *demonstrating* incorruptibility, dignity,^{7 8} and a healthy word beyond censure, in order that he who is of the opposition might be put to shame, because he has nothing base to say concerning us.
 - i. In conduct (2:7a)
 - ii. In doctrine (2:7b-8)
 - (1) “Incorruptibility”
 - (2) “Dignity”
 - (3) “Healthy word”

CONCLUSION:

⁶ Or “level-headed in all things,…”

⁷ Or “seriousness.”