

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.

3 Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior,
not slanderers
or slaves to much wine.

They are to teach what is good,

4 and so **train** the young women to love their husbands
and children,
5 to be **self-controlled**,
pure,
working at home,
kind,
and submissive to their own husbands,

that the word of God may not be reviled.

6 Likewise, **urge** the younger men to be **self-controlled**.

7 **Show** yourself in all respects to be **a model** of good works,

and in your **teaching** show integrity,
dignity,

8 and **sound** speech that cannot be condemned,

so that an opponent may be put to shame,

having nothing evil to say about us.

9 Bondservants are to be submissive to their own masters in everything;

they are to be well-pleasing,
not argumentative,
not pilfering,

10 But [they are to be] showing all good faith,

so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.

An expected standard of godly living accompanies sound doctrine.

This standard ensures that the Word of God is not reviled.

This standard protects the minister from accusations.

This standard attracts unbelievers to the gospel.