The Pastoral Epistles (Letters)

- Lesson 12 -

Titus 2:1-15

1 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:

2 That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.

3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

6 Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. 7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

8 Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

9 Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again;

10 Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

Your Personal Notes:

Spurgeon's Notes

- 2:2—Among the heathen, old men often gave themselves up to drunkenness and gluttony. So now this is the teaching that is to be given to aged Christian men. They need faith, love, and patience, as well as the virtues of sobriety, gravity, and temperance. The infirmities of old age often create petulance, so the grace of God is to make the venerable Christian to be full of faith, love, and patience.
- 2:6—That exhortation is as necessary now as it was in Crete! Young men often know a great deal—or think they do—and they are apt to be intoxicated with the idea of knowing so much and being able to do so much—so that the exhortation to them is to "be sober minded."
- 2:14—Our good works, if we have any, spring from a real conversion. Yet more, they also spring from a constant spiritual influence exercised on us from the time of conversion even until the hour of death. We would have no good works if we had no fresh influence day by day. We would not find the grace sufficient to produce fruit today. It is not like the planting of a tree in our hearts, which naturally of itself brings forth fruit. The sap has to come up from the root, Jesus Christ. We are not trees by ourselves, but we are branches attached to the living vine. Good works are the gifts of God, his choice pearls, which he sends down with his grace.