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# TITUS

The Gospel @ Work  
Titus 2:9-10



<sup>5</sup> This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you—



**CONGREGATION :** <sup>1</sup>But as for you, teach what accords with **SOUND** doctrine. <sup>2</sup>Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, **SOUND** in faith, in love, and in steadfastness.

**WOMEN:** <sup>3</sup>Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, <sup>4</sup>and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, <sup>5</sup> to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.

**MEN:** <sup>6</sup>Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled. <sup>7</sup>Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, <sup>8</sup>and **SOUND speech** that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.

**LEADER:** <sup>9</sup>Bondservants are to be submissive to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, <sup>10</sup>not pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.

**CONGREGATION :** <sup>11</sup>For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, <sup>12</sup>training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, <sup>13</sup>waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

**CONGREGATION :** <sup>14</sup>who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. <sup>15</sup>Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.



# Historical Context of 1st Century Roman Slavery

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Teach **slaves** to be subject to their masters in everything, ...Titus 2:9 (NIV)

“How did ancient slavery differ from [more] modern slavery? Or more specifically what distinguished Greco-Roman slavery from New World slavery? In the first century slaves were not distinguishable from free persons by race, by speech, by clothing. They were sometimes more highly educated than their owners and held responsible professional positions.

Some persons sold themselves into slavery for economic or social advantage. They could reasonably hope to be emancipated after 10 to 20 years of service or by their 30's at the latest. They were not denied the right of public assembly and were not socially segregated. They could accumulate savings to buy their freedom. Their natural inferiority was not assumed."

**Dr. Murray J. Harris Slave of Christ**

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“Israel’s treatment of slaves was unparalleled in the near east ...we can plainly affirm that if the 3 clear laws of the Old Testament had been followed in the south --- that is the anti-kidnapping, anti-harm, and anti-slave return regulations found in Exodus and Deuteronomy then slavery would not have arisen in America.”

Paul Copan

... the law is not laid down for the just but...for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers,<sup>10</sup> the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, **enslavers**, liars, perjurers, and **whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine**,

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**16 Whoever steals a man and sells him, and anyone found in possession of him, shall be put to death.**

**Exodus 21:16**

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And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:17

Believers the way we work is an opportunity to display the Gospel

Be submissive to your boss.

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Titus 2:9a

**23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.**

**Colossians 3:23-24**

Work toward excellence.

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Show respect.

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## Be Honest.

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Put on reliability and trustworthiness.

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