

<p><b>A</b></p>	<p><b><u>Instructions for Elderlies, Women, Youth, and Slaves</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elderlies, women, youth and slaves are all important members of the family, Paul reminds Titus to teach them well as the family is a microcosm of society.</li> <li>Paul has often emphasized in his writings that Christians should persevere in living in faith and the grace of Christ, instead of living simply by the law. Why does Paul emphasize that the elderlies, women, youth, and slaves should live a virtuous life?</li> <li>“... that older men should be ... sound in faith, love, and endurance” – “endurance” = virtue of hope (see 1 Th 1:3). Faith, love, and endurance may become more difficult with age, since the experience of shattered dreams and broken promises can make the aged sceptical, and advancing weakness can make them impatient. The elderlies who live in serenity and joy, with love and hope, become witnesses to presence of the Holy Spirit and demonstrate how God is the fountain of their strength. As one matures in their senior years with wisdom, one becomes an image of God’s grace, therefore, deserves respect. Unfortunately in our society that worships consumerism, where productivity becomes the driving force, elderlies are often seen as burdens.</li> <li>“... under the control of their husbands” – to Paul, the wife obeys her husband “as to the Lord”. This highlights the fact that each should fulfill his/her responsibilities and serve each other in his/her role as husband or wife, to the point of “[giving] himself up for her”.</li> <li>The attitude towards slavery expressed in the NT Epistles is rather indifferent; however, they always insist that everyone is equal in the eyes of God. Whether one is a slave or master, one must treat each other with love.</li> </ul>	<p>2:1-10          CCSS p 229          SN1            CCSS p 230            2:2, CCSS            JP11, Letter to the Elderly 8-9          Ps 90:12; 92:13, 15-16            2:5 CCSS, Eph 5:22-25            2:9-10, see BSP #5 Notes</p>
<p><b>B</b></p>	<p><b><u>The Appearance of God Has Determined How the Faithful should Lead Their Lives</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“For the grace of God has appeared ... as we await ... the appearance of the glory ... of our savior Jesus Christ” – “appeared” is connected to “epiphaneia” (GK) and “epiphany” (EN). Christian living is determined by the two pivotal appearances of God: Christ</li> </ul>	<p>2:11-15            CCSS, 3:4, 2Titus 1:10          1Th 3:12-13          Rev 22:20</p>

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	<p>brings salvation by becoming human and allowing us to become children of God; the return of our Saviour to judge the living and the dead.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Therefore, we must “reject godless ways and worldly desires”; to live “temperately” for ourselves, “justly” for others, and “devoutly in this age” for God.</li> </ul>	2:12 CCSS
<b>C</b>	<p><b><u>The Faithful Should Obey the Authorities</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Remind them to be under the control of magistrates and authorities” – Paul’s teachings transition from the Church to outside of the Church. This is in light of the Palestinian Jews revolting against Rome in AD 66-70, instructing Titus to remind the Jewish Christians in Cretan to obey the authorities. For Paul, this is a prescribed attitude for all Christians, except under special circumstances.</li> <li>• “They are to slander no one, to be peaceable, considerate, exercising all graciousness toward everyone” – dispositions of Christians: utilize discussion and dialogue, do not slander or argue; seek peaceful resolutions and unity, avoid lawsuits and division. When approaching disagreements, do not browbeat the other into submission but to assume the other person’s good will and seek solution together. This disposition is rooted in love and humility; showing that we belong to the Spirit.</li> </ul>	<p>3:1-3</p> <p>3:1, CCSS, Rm 13:1-7  1Titus 2:2, 1Pt 2:13-14, Jn 19:1, Acts 5:29</p> <p>3:2-3, CCSS  Rm 11:29</p>
<b>D</b>	<p><b><u>The Rebirth and Renewal by the Spirit</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “... not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, he saved us ...” – God has already chosen us before the creation of the world. Such unconditional love propels us in everything we do.</li> <li>• “... he saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit” – through the Sacraments of Initiation, including baptism with water and laying on of hands, the Holy Spirit has brought us rebirth and unceasing renewal.</li> <li>• “... the holy Spirit whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior” – an image from Isaiah and Joel. This has been fulfilled on the first Christian Pentecost with the gift of the Holy</li> </ul>	<p>3:4-8</p> <p>3:5, CCSS  Rm 3:24, Eph 1:4  SN2</p> <p>CCSS, 1Pt 1:4  Acts 8:17, 9:17, 19:6  2Cor 3:18, 1Th 4:8</p> <p>3:6-8, CCSS  Is 32:15, Joel 3:1  Acts 16:13-15, 14:16,  20:22</p>

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	<p>Spirit giving birth to the Church: it is “through Jesus Christ” =&gt; proceeds from the Father and the Son. The controversies of Felioque. The Holy Spirit prompts us to “believe in God ... devote [ourselves] to good works”.</p>	<p>Ga 4:6, Rm 8:9, Mt 5:16</p>
<p><b>E</b></p>	<p><b><u>Distant from Heretics, Final Messages and Benediction</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “After the first or second warning, break off contact with a heretic” – excommunication. This is not a punishment but to help them repent.</li> <li>• Paul is not certain whether to send Artemas or Tychicus to replace Titus. Tychicus is sent to Ephesus to replace Timothy; therefore, it is likely that Artemas is sent to Crete to replace Titus. Apollos, a Jew born in Alexandria, converted to the Christianity, known for his eloquence, grew up with Scriptures, served in Ephesus.</li> </ul>	<p>3:9-15</p> <p>3:10-11 CSB Mt 18:15-18, 1Cor 5:1-5, 1Tim 1:19-20</p> <p>3:12-13 CCSS 2Tim 4:12 Acts 18:24-26 1Cor 1:12</p>

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

1. The family is, so to speak, the domestic church. In it parents should, by their word and example, be the first preachers of the faith to their children...(*Lumen Gentium*, n.11).

The history of mankind, the history of salvation, passes by way of the family...The family is placed at the centre of the great struggle between good and evil, between life and death, between love and all that is opposed to love.” (*Letter to Families*, n.23)

2. “My friends, we cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life.” – Pope Francis condemns racism in US, June 3, 2020.