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APPLIED FORMAT TITUS CHAPTER 2

Scripture passage included then commentary underneath each verse
King James Version

Verse (1): But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:

This Ministry Website has grown not based on self, but on the sound doctrine of God. God enabled a less complicated forum to reach many. Nonetheless, strategic partnering is a must. Right, and so. That is where I am in this regard. God enabled Ministry Website; servant working through the calling. The work of the Christ simplified; He did not complicate. This was a Saul to Apostle Paul conviction as opposed to a self-identified ministry.

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Titus was not only to ordain others to preach or to care for the ministers and elders as in a high up office (Henry, 2008). Contrary, Titus must also instruct individual Christians as per their life circumstance (Henry, 2008).

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

God instructs the Universal Church to be by definition **variegated or diverse**. By God instruction, there is no subtraction for any generation. In fact, God provides each generation with a specific responsibility.

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Aged men – **“...sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience”**. Grave refers to possessing seriousness in the right circumstance without undue humor (Henry, 2008). Grave is a most notable instruction for aged men (Henry, 2008). Charity refers to a **man's love being known** through adversity and in treasure as a special delight of God (Henry, 2008).

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Verse (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;

Of note, God says, “The aged women likewise...”. Very similar to aged men.

Aged women – “...be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things...”.

For women, God accentuates that for aged women **instruction is paired with warned (Henry, 2008). Ah, but the **God caveat** is that both aged men and aged women work together with the same instruction; so, no simple path for the aged man (Henry, 2008).**

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

There is generational learning. God’s instructions and warning to aged women does not dissipate over time. Contrary, God’s instruction and warning for aged women is a constant. Yes, likewise, aged men are also of the same instruction as aged women.

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Some of the generational problems are due to generational oversight and not simply individual problems. Albeit individuals are responsible for their lives, a larger generational problem does in fact exist by not including critical pieces of learning. When critical learning is excluded, critical problems occur.

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

Notice this for women, in the scholarly studies, that women need instruction in love (Henry, 2008).

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Whereas the men must have their love made known (Go back to Verse (2)).

Therein lies the difference. In the Garden of Eden, women did not follow instruction, and men did not voice their loyalty to their creator. Therefore, women need instruction in love, and men need to voice their love.

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Notice this out from Verse (2) and Verse (3), **love is a great authoritative requirement (Henry, 2008)**. Therefore, it is a great matter for a man to get his voice of love known and for a woman to get instructed in love (Henry 2008). **For the aged man and the aged woman, this is positive (Henry, 2008).**

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I take it back to Verse (3) and the word “likewise”. The tendency is to put the word “likewise” on the other person. By definition, “likewise” is a requirement. This is positive for the aged man and the aged woman and permeates within society **just like an accountability tool**.

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Verse (6): Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded.

From the conversation in Verse (5) regarding the word “likewise”, young men have the precedent set by the aged.

The young are to be Joint with the Aged in seriousness of life with youthful dynamism to best guide growth and development (Henry, 2008).

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Verse (7): In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

Generationally, a greater pattern is developed jointly in that of, “...good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity”.

Yes, there is individual responsibility. Yes, there is a Generational responsibility.

= Equals a greater pattern

The use of a Preachers' individual speech, conversation among others, and matters of life are essential (Henry, 2008). Titus in this book of Scripture was also giving himself instruction as he was most plausibly a young Preacher (Henry, 2008).

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Verse (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.

I take this back to Verse (1). Sound speech must be linked to sound doctrine. Why? Because the source of the speech and doctrine are of the Word of Truth. This cannot be condemned. There are many verses regarding the truth of God. For reference, I inserted Isaiah 65:16. This verse is a personal verse in what matters of life to immerse ourselves into. When we immerse ourselves in the Word of Truth, the God of creation upholds Himself. It is not about us; it is about the God of creation.

Isaiah 65:16 (King James Version), “That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes”.

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

The servant is to be obedient unto their master and to please them well in all lawful things (Henry, 2008). Note, it was not the Christ mission to destroy the law or civil order (Henry, 2008). Therefore, in matters of Christ who is the only one past, present, and future who fulfilled all of the law, the Will of Christ is weightier than the law (Henry, 2008).

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

In reading the Easy-to-Read Version of Scripture, the servant should not steal from the master. However, the servant should show the master that they are trustworthy.

From these two principles, in everything then, the servant does forward, the servant demonstrates the teaching of God so that the doctrine of God may be widely adorned.

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Verse (11): For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

Notice who the action is for in this verse. Everything for God's glory. God brings Salvation and no one else. The message of Salvation is for all men. This is to keep ourselves within the framework of the living God. The God of Nations and of people.

There is a place for all things but before God any Nation or man must be attuned unto God. For Salvation is God's alone. One of the themes of the book of Job is from Chapter 38 through Chapter 41 regarding authentic faith versus knowledge. Authentic faith produces sound doctrine. As I have discussed, Matthew 25 is for how the Nations will be judged. I encourage anyone to conduct further study regarding these matters.

Job Theme: On the basis of Knowledge alone; God starts at the same place: Job 38:2-3, "Who is this...Gird up now thy loins like a man...I will demand of thee, and answer thou me".

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For God's glory: Reference: Second Corinthians 1:12 (King James Version): "For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward."

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

God teaches us. We do not teach God. God teaches us here to deny ourselves in order to gain. Should is in due course a requirement but is used in the context of free will. God will judge the free will.

This life is a preparation for the eternal glory of God and is considered to be a Great matter unto a Great God (Henry, 2008). Eternal Greatness is sure (Henry, 2008).

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Unlike this current preparation life where people can do some pure things great, and people can do some pure things good, God is surely great. Notice God said the current creation is Very Good in the context of leading to a sure Great eternal life (Genesis 1:31).

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

For this verse, the Scripture speaks plainly that creation is to look for "...the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ".

Building From Verse (12), the Scripture clarifies that God possesses an eternal sure Great while the current preparatory life possesses a Very Good state.

For Emphasis: Notice God said the current creation is Very Good (Genesis 1:31) as people can do some pure things great and some pure things good in the context of leading to a sure Great eternal life God possesses (Titus 2:13).

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Verse (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.

Why can we be assured of a great eternal life? The Scripture answers because the sure great eternal God that is revealed in Titus 2:13 "...the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" is the one who gave Himself in Verse (14).

As God purifies unto Himself, He makes uniqueness not because of who we are but because of who God is.

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

I am going to make a simple conclusion to mirror the opening. The matters from Verses 1 to Verses 14 are the things we are to speak and exhort and rebuke of in Verse 15. And we are not to enable those things earned to be despised for that is against God's created order. Per definition, despised is a deep-rooted matter from which come taking something too far or lacking respect.

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