

## TRULY FAITHFUL

AN UNCOMPROMISING CHURCH IN A CORRUPT AND CONFUSED CULTURE

### PART 9

## “TRUTH IN THE TRENCHES”

“The Gospel Made Visible in Everyday Life”

(Titus 2:1-15; v. 9-10)

### INTRODUCTION:

#### QUESTION:

- \_\_\_\_\_ do you respond to the \_\_\_\_\_ in your life? ...and \_\_\_\_\_ ?

#### CHALLENGE:

- In a world where most everyone is concerned about \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, the followers of Jesus—truly transformed by the gospel of grace—are most concerned about their newfound \_\_\_\_\_:

To \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

### THE LARGER FRAMEWORK: (TITUS 2:1-15; OVERVIEW)

- The credibility of the gospel is tied to the integrity of those who profess it. A virtuous life is the ultimate apologetic. [and is a consequence of sound doctrine.]

“But as for you, speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine...”

—Titus 2:1

### PREVIOUSLY: THE FAMILY FOCUS:

- God Expects Older Men and Older Women to be Models and Mentors.
- 1. Older Men are to be sober, serious, sensible, and sound in faith, in love and in perseverance.
- 2. Older Women are to be devout, disciplined (not destructive), and diligent,... to teach what is good and to train the next generation.
- 3. Younger Women are to live, love, and labor,... in harmony with the Grace of God in Christ, focused on her heart, on her home, and on her husband.
  - This is not a statement of restriction but of responsibility. The home is not to be viewed as a place of confinement, but a priority of concern.
- 4. Younger Men are to exhibit self-control, setting the pace in everything. They are to be above reproach in what they believe, how they love, and what they say.

## 5. BOND-SERVANTS: (V. 9-10)

*“Urge bondslaves to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be well-pleasing, not argumentative,<sup>10</sup> not pilfering, but showing all good faith so that they will adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect.”*

### THE MIND-SET OF A MAN ON MISSION: FIVE MARKS OF AN EFFECTIVE WITNESS IN THE WORKPLACE

1A. HIS \_\_\_\_\_ :

*“... to be subject to their own masters in everything,…” (v. 9a)*

2A. HIS \_\_\_\_\_ :

*“...to be well-pleasing,…” (v. 9b)*

3A. HIS \_\_\_\_\_ :

*“... not argumentative,…” (v. 9c)*

4A. HIS \_\_\_\_\_ :

*“... not pilfering,…” (v. 10a)*

5A. HIS \_\_\_\_\_ :

*“... showing all good faith…” (v. 10b)*

### CONCLUSION:

*“...so that the word of God will not be dishonored.”*

*“...so that the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us.”*

*“... so that they will adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect.”*