

“Communicate with INTENTION!”



2 As for you, Titus, promote the kind of living that reflects wholesome teaching.
² Teach the older men to exercise self-control, to be worthy of respect, and to live wisely. They must have sound faith and be filled with love and patience.
³ Similarly, teach the older women to live in a way that honors God. They must not slander others or be heavy drinkers. Instead, they should teach others what is good.
⁴ These older women must train the younger women to love their husbands and their children,
⁵ to live wisely and be pure, to work in their homes, to do good, and to be submissive to their husbands. Then they will not bring shame on the word of God.
⁶ In the same way, encourage the young men to live wisely.
⁷ And you yourself must be an example to them by doing good works of every kind. Let everything you do reflect the integrity and seriousness of your teaching.
⁸ Teach the truth so that your teaching can't be criticized. Then those who oppose us will be ashamed and have nothing bad to say about us.
⁹ Slaves must always obey their masters and do their best to please them. They must not talk back¹⁰ or steal, but must show themselves to be entirely trustworthy and good. Then they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive in every way.
¹¹ For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people.
¹² And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God,
¹³ while we look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be revealed.
¹⁴ He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds.
¹⁵ You must teach these things and encourage the believers to do them. You have the authority to correct them when necessary, so don't let anyone disregard what you say. Titus 2:1-15 (NLT)

Communicate to Help CHANGE and RESTORE Lives

- Develop the habit of asking ourselves the **tough question**:
“What's my **MOTIVE or PURPOSE** for what I am communicating?”
- Our communication can help bring about **healing** or **inflect pain**,
hope or **discouragement!**

¹⁰ For there are many rebellious people who engage in useless talk and deceive others. This is especially true of those who insist on circumcision for salvation.
¹¹ They must be silenced, because they are turning whole families away from the truth by their false teaching. And they do it only for money.
¹² Even one of their own men, a prophet from Crete, has said about them, “The people of Crete are all liars, cruel animals, and lazy gluttons.”
¹³ This is true. **So reprimand them sternly to make them strong in the faith.** Titus 1:10-13 (NLT)

- Commit to praying and sharing about the **two greatest eternal benefits, forgiveness and eternal life**, with a non-Christ follower!
- ³ **Once we, too, were foolish and disobedient. We were misled and became slaves to many lusts and pleasures. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other.**
⁴ **But—When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love,**
⁵ **he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.** Titus 3:3-5 (NLT)

- It's THANKSGIVING... take the **opportunity and a little risk**
this week to live out KINDNESS and GRACE!

...⁴ I always thank my God when I pray for you, Philemon,
⁵ because I keep hearing about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all of God's people.
⁶ **And I am praying that you will put into action the generosity that comes from your faith as you understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ.**
⁷ Your love has given me much joy and comfort, my brother, for your kindness has often refreshed the hearts of God's people.
⁸ That is why I am boldly asking a favor of you. I could demand it in the name of Christ because it is the right thing for you to do.
⁹ But because of our love, I prefer simply to ask you. Consider this as a request from me—Paul, an old man and now also a prisoner for the sake of Christ Jesus.

¹⁰ I appeal to you to show kindness to my child, Onesimus. I became his father in the faith while here in prison.
¹¹ Onesimus hasn't been of much use to you in the past, but now he is very useful to both of us.
¹² I am sending him back to you, and with him comes my own heart.

...¹⁵ **It seems you lost Onesimus for a little while so that you could have him back forever.**
¹⁶ **He is no longer like a slave to you. He is more than a slave, for he is a beloved brother, especially to me. Now he will mean much more to you, both as a man and as a brother in the Lord.** Philemon 1:1-16 (NLT)

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