

Theme: God calls believers to live lives that agree with the truth of the Gospel and draw others to Christ.

I. Intro – Ride the Boat Around (Wrong Assumption)

- A. Story of Pap Paw and Daddy
- B. “You boys can ride the boat around”
- C. Truth – ride in boat as we pull it around to camp site
- D. Our idea – get in boat, paddle it around
- E. Bad idea – big trouble – almost disaster!
- F. Paul’s words sometimes misunderstood
- G. Can we live however we want?

II. What Titus Must Teach

- A. Titus - teach what “accords” with sound doctrine (v1)
 - 1. Not speaking of doctrine but lifestyle (vv2-10)
 - 2. This means their lives must “fit” with Gospel
- B. Common concern for Paul – live worthy of Gospel
 - 1. Phil 1:27; Eph 4:1
 - 2. Correct misunderstanding – Romans 6:1-2

III. Lives Worthy of the Gospel

- A. The commands are broken down by group

1. Older men, older women, younger women, younger men, Titus, slaves

2. Gospel applies to every age, station

B. Representative – not exhaustive

C. Character counter to cultural stereotypes

- 1. Slaves – work hard, not steal (9-10)
- 2. Older women – not gossips or drunks (3)

D. Includes virtues to pursue, vices to avoid

- 1. V3 – 2 virtues, 2 vices
- 2. Must avoid evil and pursue good

E. Key character trait – self-control

- 1. Verses 2, 5, 6; Titus 2:11-12
- 2. Also path to other character traits

IV. The Motives for Our Lifestyle

A. It is what “fits” sound doctrine

- 1. The point of v1
- 2. More on this in next section (vv11-15)

B. It draws people to the Gospel and Christ

- 1. Mentioned three times (v5, 8, 10)

2. Progression from negative to positive
3. Our lives can undermine or underline the Gospel!

V. **Applying the Word To Our Lives**

- A. Have we been making a mistake about our call?
 1. We must stay focused on grace – and we do!
 2. Have we falsely thought this makes no demand on our lives?
 3. Are we **actively** avoiding vice?
 4. Are we **actively** pursuing virtue?
 5. How do our friends/family/coworkers see this?
 6. Does our life underline or undermine Gospel?
- B. A word to different age groups
 1. Older –investing yourself in the younger?
 2. Younger – devoted disciple or lounge lizard?
- C. Communion – a chance to recommit

Lives Worthy of the Gospel

Titus 2:1-10

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Communion

Philippians 1:27 paraphrase

27 Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ... Philippians 1:27

1 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to **live a life worthy of the calling you have received**. Ephesians 4:1

1 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? 2 By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Romans 6:1-2