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^{2:1} But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine.

² Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness.





³ Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good,

⁴ and so train the young women to love their husbands and children,

⁵ to be **self-controlled**, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.



⁶ Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled.

⁷ Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, ⁸ and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.





 ⁹ Bondservants are to be submissive to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative,
¹⁰ not pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.





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Three Main Issues

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 Professing Christians who live like Cretans discredit Christianity.
Discipleship happens in community.
Christians must live differently by definition.

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¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live <u>self-controlled</u>, upright, and godly lives in the present age,

¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

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¹⁵ Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.



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How Grace Teaches & Empowers **Three Things God has Given Us** 1. A New Hope Hebrews 11:24-26 By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, ²⁶ esteeming the reproach of the Messiah greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

How Grace Teaches & Empowers Tus **Three Things God has Given Us** 1. A New Hope 2. A New Love Galatians 2:20 . . . I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. 1 John 4:19 "we love Him because He first loved us.

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<u>Colossians 3:1-4</u> If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

 ² Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. ³ For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
⁴ When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

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