



# Seeing The Sermon

# **Everything about God's essence (nature / character) is perfect**

- **His plan / Word, Tit.2:11**
- **His Son / sacrifice, redemption, Tit.2:14**
- **His victory, Tit.3:3-4**
- **His Spirit, Tit.3:5**
- **His church – the weak link (people)**

**What to do about it?  
(Titus 2:1-10)**



# **I. Eliminate Damage To Gospel, 1-5**

## Wrong reaction:

**“Gospel produces *this* kind of trash?”**

- 2 Sm.12, David
- Hb.6:4-6, us
- Titus 2:1-5, inconsistency harms gospel

**“For the Greeks judge not of the doctrines by the doctrine itself, but they make the life and conduct the test of the doctrines”** –Chrysostom

**Ro.2:17-24; 2 Pt.2:2**



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# Bad example produces blasphemy; good example, praise

**2 Tim.3:10-17, even in persecution...**

- **Paul set good example**
- **Timothy followed Paul**
- **Paul's good example turned people to gospel (3:15-17)**

**(Titus 2:6-8)**

**1 Pt.2:12, 15; 3:16**



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**III. Exalt Doctrine of God,  
9-10**

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**One unguarded moment ... 2 Sm.12.**

**<sup>14</sup>Do all things without complaining and disputing, <sup>15</sup>that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world**

**– Ph.2**



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- 4. Motivation: great God and Savior (13).**
- 5. Persons: slaves (11).**

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justify slander,  
stealing,  
disobedience**

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Christians;  
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gospel**

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**Slaves may not get opportunity to preach a sermon to master / observers, but they can ‘adorn’ the gospel.**

# **Slaves adorn God's gospel**

- **Glorify Master. Ep.4:1.**
- **Maintain respect for master / Master.**
- **Do it because Lord commands it.**
- **Trust (not earthly master, but Heavenly).**
- **Know eternal reward more than offsets temporary suffering.**
- **Elevate service to highest level.**

**Best sermon I ever heard...**

## **If a slave . . .**

- **has no excuse for bad example...**

**what about me? Mt.5:16**

**The worst enemy of the gospel  
is an inconsistent 'friend.'**

- **can attract people to gospel...**

**what about me? Mt.5:41**

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☐ **Jesus, Lk.6:7; 14:1; 20:20**

☐ **His disciples, Mt.9:14; 12:2; 15:2**

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**For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? – 1 Co.8:10**

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  - b. **Conduct**
  - c. **Clothing**



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4. **Our lives either glorify God or disgrace Him. Dn.6**