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Titus 2:7a

I. Church Leaders Prove with their Lives (Titus 1:7a)

- A. In "everything" – all the time with all the people, everywhere
- B. "Show" (*paraecho* = to hold near as a pattern and guide) – not "tell" but "show"
- C. "example" (*tupos* = a type or picture) (I Tim. 4:12)
- D. "by doing what is good" (*kalos* = moral beauty that comes from a pure heart)
- E. Compared to the opposite – Tit. 1:15,16 – "detestable, disobedient, and unfit for doing anything good"

II. Church Leaders are Pure in Doctrine (Titus 7b, 8a)

- A. Teach Bible doctrine! (Tit. 2:1) – mentoring others in the truth
- B. Be careful to not be corrupted by the world = pure in your doctrine
 - 1. There is a knowable truth explained in the Bible
 - 2. There is opposition to your content and presentation
 - 3. You choose to stand on the rock of truth anyway! (Matt. 7:25)
- C. Treat the Bible with the respect that it is due
- D. Keep your message "on point" to keep from getting caught up in useless arguments

III. Church Leaders are Protected from False Criticism

- A. Purpose statement – "So that"
- B. Opposition will come! Can your lifestyle and doctrine stand against it?
- C. Our lifestyle/doctrine must protect us from false criticism (1 Pet. 2:12; Phil. 2:14,15)
- D. Our Power: Our message is transmitted through "Jars of clay" (2 Cor. 4:7 – 12)