



Maximising Healthy Distinction

TITUS CHAPTER 2

Titus 1:1-16: Two Groups in the Church

“Appoint the Elders”

- ▶ **People who were reliably distinctive.**
 - ▶ Blameless
 - ▶ Hospitable
 - ▶ Upright
 - ▶ Holy
 - ▶ Disciplined

“Rebellious People”

- ▶ **People whose character played into the proverbial understanding of Cretans!**
 - ▶ Full of Meaningless Talk
 - ▶ Deceptive
 - ▶ Disruptive
 - ▶ Hypocritical

Titus 1:12-13a

- ▶ ¹² One of Crete's own prophets has said it: "Cretans are always liars, evil brutes, lazy gluttons." ¹³ This saying is true.

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**WE HAVE A DISTINCTION
PROBLEM.**

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- PAUL TO TITUS

1. Not distinctive
2. Distinctive for the wrong reasons

**How would a
secular prophet
describe the
people of Alice
Springs?**



Titus 2:1-5

- ▶ ¹ You, however, must teach what is appropriate to sound doctrine. ² Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance.
- ▶ ³ Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. ⁴ Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children, ⁵ to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.

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**Maximise Healthy Distinction by
BEING CLEAR**

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Issue: Confusion

Titus 2:6-8

- ▶ ⁶ Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled. ⁷ In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness ⁸ and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.

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**Maximise Healthy Distinction by
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Issue: Condemnation

Titus 2:9-10

- ▶ **⁹ Teach slaves to be subject to their masters in everything, to try to please them, not to talk back to them, ¹⁰ and not to steal from them, but to show that they can be fully trusted, so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive.**

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**Maximise Healthy Distinction by
BEING COMPELLING**

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Issue: Disgust

Three Ways to Maximise Healthy Distinction

1. **BE CLEAR**
2. **BE CONSISTENT**
3. **BE COMPELLING**

Titus 2:11-14

- ▶ ¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹² It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³ while we wait for the 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 wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

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