

## **Exhorting Young Men (Titus 2:6-8)**

**Introduction:** *The Special Reasons for Exhorting Young Men*

That they might have purpose, but also “the painful fact that there are few young men anywhere who seem to be Christians [and] what young men will be, in all probability depends on what they are now, and they seem to forget this” (J. C. Ryle, *Thoughts for Young Men*).

### **1. Young men are to be *sober-minded* (v. 6)**

First meaning, “to be able to reason and think properly and in a sane manner - 'to be in one's right mind, to be sane, to think straight, to reason correctly.” Second meaning, “to have understanding about practical matters and thus be able to act sensibly - 'to have sound judgment, to be sensible, to use good sense.” Third meaning, “a measured and ordered way of life be self-controlled, be moderate, be sober.”

### **2. Young men are to follow examples of good works and sound words (v. 7a, 8a)**

They are to remember that they live not merely for themselves—that their desire to grow in grace is not just for their own personal relationship with God—but that it has an impact on the well-being and the witness of the whole congregation.

### **3. Young men are to follow examples of reverence and incorruptibility (b. 8b)**

They need show-and-tell Christian lives.

**Conclusion:** *The need for examples*

“Greater love has no one than this,” said Jesus, “That he lay down his life for his friends” (John 15:13).