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Main Idea

The word of God should be communicated with confidence and authority, denying neutrality and overcoming diffidence.

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 - b. Refusing to concede to opposition
 - c. Applies to the preacher, the hearer, and everyone of us

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Titus 2:1-15

¹ But as for you, speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine.

² Older men are to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in perseverance. ³ Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, ⁴ so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, ⁵ to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored. ⁶ Likewise urge the young men to be sensible; ⁷ in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine, dignified, ⁸ sound in speech which is beyond reproach, so that the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us. ⁹ Urge bondslaves to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, ¹⁰ not pilfering, but showing all good faith so that they will adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect.

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, ¹² instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, ¹³ looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, ¹⁴ who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

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2. The content of authoritative preaching

- a. “These things” = The authority is dependent upon specific content
- b. “These things” = vs 2- 14 (Basic foundations for the Christian life)
- c. “These things” = Everything else that is fitting for sound doctrine

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3. The manner of authoritative preaching
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 - b. Persist in exhortations
 - c. Relentlessly reproving

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Authoritative preaching will:

Continually talk about the details that accord with sound doctrine.

It will persist in bringing those details to bear on our lives through exhortations.

It will be a bit ornery as it relentlessly refutes corrupt doctrine.

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- c. Among the nations (Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 17:30-31)

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¹⁸ And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “**All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.**

¹⁹ Go **therefore** and **make disciples of all the nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Acts 17:24-25, 30-31

²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything...

³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now **he commands all people everywhere to repent**, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which **he will judge the world in righteousness** by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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