

# New Normal: A Transformed Church Before a Watching World The Powerful Influence of Transformed Believers

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Titus 2:1-8

**Big Idea: Transformed believers intentionally use their influence to transform others.**

*Influence – The capacity to have an effect on the character development and behavior of someone or something*

1. Transformed believers live as though someone is \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Transformed believers \_\_\_\_\_ use their influence to transform other believers.

*“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.” **Hebrews 10:23-24***

**3. Transformed believers \_\_\_\_\_ use their influence (collectively and individually) to change the way people think about Jesus.**

*“...so that no one will malign the Word of God” v. 5*

*“...so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.” v. 8*

*“Live such good lives among the pagans that though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.”*

**1 Peter 2:12**

Book: *Multiply* – Francis Chan

## **Sermon questions**

1. Read verse 1. What do you think Paul means with the phrase “sound doctrine”?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What is the relationship between “sound doctrine” and the commands about how we live that are found in the rest of the passage?

3. Read verses **2, 5 & 6**. The command to have self-control is found three times here. Why do you think there is such an emphasis on self-control?
4. Where in your life do you see the importance of self-control? Where is it difficult to exercise self-control?
5. Of the four life stages specifically addressed in this passage, which one is most relevant to you? Why do you think Paul chose those specific commands for each individual life stage?

6. Notice the “so that” in verses **5 & 8**. What purpose does Paul give for the commands in this passage and how does that apply to us today?

## **Read the Bible this year**

Pastor Brad encouraged us to read the Bible in 2020. Here's some help getting started. Each day this week read from the Old and New Testament. Or, if you prefer, read just from one testament. Enjoy!

- **Nehemiah 12-13**
- **Esther 1-2; Acts 5**
- **Esther 3-5**
- **Esther 6-8; Acts 6**
- **Esther 9-10; Acts 7**
- **Job 1-2**
- **Job 3-4**