



“The Importance of Godly Relationships”

Titus 2:1-10
August 17, 2014

2 Important Statements: Our Relationships and How We Live Our Lives Matter Greatly Both Inside the Church and Especially Outside the Church. God’s Biblical Call for the Church is to be Multi-Generational

A. Older Men to Younger Men

✓ The Example To Be Set:

Balanced Dignified Sensible
Solid in Faith, Love and Perseverance

✓ The Encouragement To Live By:

Sensible Example in Good Deeds
Pure in Doctrine Dignified Sound Speech

✓ The Effect:

It Silences the Critic & the Adversary

B. Older Women to Younger Women

✓ The Example To Be Set:

Saintly Not a Slander
Not a Slave to Alcohol Teach What is Good

✓ The Encouragement To Live By

Love Their Husband & Children Sensible Pure
Workers at Home Kind Submissive

✓ The Effect:

The Message of the Gospel is Not Dishonored

C. Slave to their Masters

✓ The Example To Be Set:

Be Kind & Fair to Them
Remember We Have a Master

✓ The Encouragement To Live By:

Submissive Committed to Excellence
Respectful Honest Loyal

✓ The Effect:

It Makes the Teaching of Christ Attractive

Our Response

- ✓ Have you clearly understood the Word of God this morning or this week that you need to become a Christ Follower? It’s as simple as ABC! **Admit** you are a sinner, **Believe** that Jesus is God’s Son, **Confess** Him as Savior and **Commit** your life to Him as Lord for the rest of your life!! **Your next step is Baptism...** Have you made that public and followed through with Baptism? If not, you can do that today as well.
- ✓ Be willing to step over the line this morning and be obedient in what He is calling you to do. Maybe it is join this church family and honor Him by **not attending but joining** His family and being a part of bringing the good news to our community and to the ends of the earth!
- ✓ **How can you help our Church function and grow as a mutli-generational Church Family as an :** Older Man or Woman; As a Younger Man or Woman; As an Employer or Employee? Who can you pour your life into and who can pour their life into yours?
- ✓ Where does the Lord need to work in your life in these examples and encouragement to live by? Circle them and pray for the Lord to work on those areas in your life.

INSIDE OUT

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Titus 2

August 17, 2014 AM Worship

Overview of Theme – Inside Out

Vs 1 – Paul lays out the starting point of being a grounded, healthy Church and it is one that is teaching proper doctrine – the right things and thus following this teaching and living the right way!

2 Important Statements: Our Relationships and How We Live Our Lives Matter Greatly Both Inside the Church and Especially Outside the Church.

God’s Biblical Call for the Church is to be Multi-Generational

Here we see that played out in Paul’s instructions – if you don’t have all generations then this wouldn’t apply – that’s why by default you would have to have a multi-generational church.

Many people would say, I want a church with just younger people, or I want a church with just older people, but that is not the church. That does create potential for tension and what is called a generational gap, however the grace of God is big enough to overcome that. We need each other This is a part of the discipleship process too. Older, or more mature believers teaching those who are younger or less mature in their faith. This is missing in many churches today.

We will see with each of these there is an example to be set, and encouragement to live by and the other Key component is the result or the effect of us living from the inside out- others in the Church are able to see Christ in us and more importantly those outside the Church can see the difference that Christ makes in our daily lives, and here our relationships and our godly character.

Determine what stage of life you find yourself in.

Older Men or Women in reference to this passage where typically between the ages of 50-60, or their children were out of the house.

Younger Men and Women then where younger than this.

A. Older Men to Younger Men

The example is to be set by older men. When we look at old age, things definitely begin to change, physically, emotionally,

These changes can be difficult at times, can cause us to become cynical at life if we are not careful or even depressed as we see these changes occurring. It can also bring a staleness in our walk with God as we have walked with him for such a long time.

However, as older saints, our age should bring a greater love for God, for the people of God, and the sacred things of God.

Godly, older saints bring strength, stability, and wisdom to the church that should be cherished.

Old age does not however make a believer more faithful, more satisfied, or more effective in the service of God, hence the strong encouragements here.

✓ **The Example To Be Set:**

Balanced - Temperate to avoid extravagance and overindulgence. His priorities are in the right order and he is satisfied with fewer and simpler things.

Dignified honorable, reverent A dignity to old age the produces respect and this respect gives an older saint a level of authority. Doesn't mean gloomy or sad though. It does not suggest a solemn person who never laughs.

Sensible self-controlled, An attitude of the mind. Sober, wisdom discernment, and judgment from walking with God.

Solid in Faith, Love and Perseverance

Healthy. Know what they believe and why they believe it all according to God's Word and His standard.

Faith They know God can be trusted, and it grows only stronger with time.

Love, for God, for other believers, and for lost people. They have not grown hard hearted.

Perseverance Fortitude, strong – stay the course – they have lived long enough to see things through & experience the faithfulness of God!

✓ **The Encouragement To Live By:**

By their lives and their instructions

As younger men, especially students, have a tendency for passion to

run hotter and speak louder, more opportunities to go wrong (wrong crowd), and confidence that comes from a lack of experience.

Sensible Be an example so that how you live lines up with what you say. There is little or no difference between the two, no matter where you are or who you are with.

Example in Good Deeds gives us our English word type. The word originally meant "an impression made by a die." Titus was to live so that his life would be Like a "spiritual die" that would impress itself on others

Pure in Doctrine

Dignified Aware of the awesome responsibility of being an ambassador for Christ every day!

Sound Speech

✓ **The Effect:**

It Silences the Critic & the Adversary

Instead of having bad stuff to say, instead they are curious even intrigued by a believer's life. A Christians reputation is so well known that an unbeliever would be ashamed and embarrassed of how wrong they are

B. Older Women to Younger Women

✓ **The Example To Be Set:**

Saintly Reverent, holiness, purity

Not a Slander not slanderers, false accusers, the word here is diabolos which Jesus called Satan this, the Father of lies.

Not a Slave to Alcohol

Teach What is Good They are able to teach because of experience. Don't teach tough by pouring cold water on their plans and dreams, but to share your experiences to guide them and encourage them, not to dissuade or discourage them.

✓ **The Encouragement To Live By**

Love Their Husband & Children

Sensible

Pure

Workers at Home

Kind
Submissive

✓ **The Effect:**

The Message of the Gospel is Not Dishonored

The effect would be that people would see in us families that are different, homes that are different, who do not operate and live under that same standards as the world. This idea here so goes against the grain of what society says is right.

C. Slave to their Masters

✓ **The Example To Be Set:** From Colossians 4:1

Be Kind & Fair to Them

Treat slaves as more than a slave, treat them as a brother

See [Philemon Vs 16](#)

Regard him as more important than yourself ([Phil. 2:3-4](#))

Remember We Have a Master

✓ **The Encouragement To Live By:**

Submissive To be subject to their masters in everything obedience, to obey from the heart, not of obligation “...[To be a bonus to their masters...](#)” [The Message](#)

Committed to Excellence To be well pleasing, efficient

Respectful To not be argumentative, not back talkers

Honest Not pilfering, embezzling

Loyal Showing all good faith, faithful, no doubt you are loyal

✓ **The Effect:**

It Makes the Teaching of Christ Attractive

They may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect
“...Adding luster to the teaching of God our Savior...”

[The Message](#)

Against the bleak hopelessness of this system of bondage, the Christian slave’s devotion to the gospel and resulting godly attitudes and actions serve to make attractive in an unparalleled way the ultimate freedom that is only realized in Christ.

ILLUS: TO Show who Christ is St. Francis of Assisi