

Wednesday Night Fellowship Discussion Guide
8/24/22

Titus 2:6-8

⁶Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled. ⁷Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, ⁸and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.

Passage Summary

Paul calls Titus to teach what is fitting with sound doctrine in Titus 2:1 and Titus 2:2-10 puts forward what godliness looks like on a practical level. He considers the mature in vv.2-3, young women in vv.4-5, and then young men in vv.6-8. His address to young men also serves to provide a portrait of godliness for teachers as well. Finally, Paul turns to the most disadvantaged in the household, the slaves or bondservants of vv.9-10. Paul's goal in all of this is to help Titus realize the need to teach not just doctrine but also what practical actions ought to accompany the teaching of Jesus the Christ. Both healthy doctrine and godly living must have as its basis the grace of God and what God has done through Jesus His Son. Therefore Paul reminds Titus of the basis for godly living in vv.11-14.

For our discussion tonight, we will focus on Titus 2:6-8, specifically young men within the church. The age range is roughly mid-teens to mid-40's.

Discussion Questions

Titus 2:6

⁶Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled.

There are many people who exercise self-control and they have no relationship with God. Why is self-control achieved without the Spirit of God inferior than that attained through the Spirit of God?

What are some specific areas of life in which the men of Crete needed to exercise self-control? What are some specific areas in life in which men of America need to exercise self-control?

Titus 2:7

⁷Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity,

Why was it so important to Paul that Titus would be a "model of good works"?

On a practical level, what were some of the “good works” that Titus should be doing? What are some good works in which men today should engage?

How can a church encourage “good works”?

In what ways can the manner and content of teaching demonstrate integrity?

What is the danger of only telling people what they want to hear and avoiding the difficult topics?

In what ways can the manner and content of teaching demonstrate dignity?

Titus 2:8

⁸and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.

Why was it so important to Paul that those who opposed the Gospel would not have anything evil to say about him and those with him? Did it really matter what they said? Should it matter to us what people say about us?