

Titus 2:1-10

Instructions For Godly Living In The Church

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Outline of Titus 2:1-15

Titus 2:1-10 Instructions for Godly living
Titus 2:11-15 Theological basis for such living

Instructions To Titus And Older Men

Titus 2:1-2 But as for you, speak things which are fitting for sound doctrine. Older men are to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in perseverance.

Instructions For Women

Titus 2:3-5 Older Women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, so that they may encourage young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.

Instructions To Young Men

Titus 2:6-8 Likewise urge the young men to be sensible; in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine, dignified, sound in speech which is beyond reproach, so that the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us.

Instructions To Slaves

Titus 2:9-10 Urge bondslaves to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be well pleasing, not argumentative, not pilfering, but showing all good faith so that they will adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect.

Slavery In The Bible

1. Slavery was not racially based, but was instituted for socioeconomic reasons.
2. Slaves were often very well educated and were important to both society and the households they helped manage.
3. Releasing slaves would often be devastating to the slave!
4. "Household rules" in the New Testament demanded Christian owners treat their slaves well. (Ephesians 6:9; Colossians 4:1)

Slavery In The Bible

Ephesians 6:9 And masters, do the same things to them, and give up threatening, knowing that both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

Colossians 4:1 Masters, grant to your slaves justice and fairness, knowing that you too have a Master in heaven.

Application

We as the church must heed the apostle Paul's words and reestablish the importance of learning from our elders.

1. Our biblically illiterate culture has foolishly elevated the significance of youthful thought.
2. The Scripture portrays the way of the youth as synonymous with the way to perdition!

1. The Foolish Elevation of Youthful Thought

Books focused on “emergent youth”

They Like Jesus but Not The Church: Insights from Emerging Generations

UnChristian: What a New Generation Thinks About Christianity and Why It Matters

1. The Foolish Elevation of Youthful Thought

Book - *UnChristian: What a New Generation Thinks About Christianity and Why It Matters*

1. Hypocritical
2. Focused too much on salvation!
3. Anti-homosexual
4. Sheltered
5. Too political
6. Judgmental

Book - *Lost Sinner: What God Thinks of Your Sin and Why it Matters*

2. Youth Should Learn From Their Elders

Leviticus 19:32 You shall rise up before the gray headed and honor the aged, and you shall revere your God; I am the LORD.

Isaiah 3:5 And the people will be oppressed, each one by another...the youth will storm against the elder and the inferior against the honorable.

2.

The Way Of The Youth Is Towards Perdition

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from **it...** (NASB)

Proverbs 22:6, 15 Train up a child in his way, even when he is old he will not depart from **it...Foolishness** is bound up in the heart of a child; the rod of discipline will remove **it** far from him. (Personal Translation)
