

Call To Worship

"For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever. He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord. His heart is steady; he will not be afraid, until he looks in triumph on his adversaries. He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor." (Psalm 112:6-9)

Titus 2:1-10

But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine. Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness. Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled. Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled. Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us. Bondservants are to be submissive to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, not pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.

Pastoral Exhortation (vv. 2-10)

1.) Older Men

- Sober-minded; → Self-controlled;
- Dignified; → Sound (in faith, love, and steadfastness)

2.) Older Women

- Reverent in behavior; → Teach what is good;
- Not slanders or addicted to wine; → Train young women;

3.) Young Women

- Love your husbands; → Self-controlled; → Protect the gospel;
- Love your children; → Pure (faithful)
- Manage your home; → Kind

4.) Young Men

- Self-controlled

5.) Bondservants

- Submissive; → Not Argumentative; → Adorning the doctrine of God;
- Well-pleasing; → Showing good faith;

Practical Realities About Discipleship

- 1.) Discipleship happens in the context of ordinary life;
- 2.) Discipleship happens in community;
- 3.) Discipleship involves vulnerability;

→ Discipleship is a lifestyle that declares and demonstrates the beauty and reality of the gospel—that Jesus meets people where they're at and takes them where He wants them to be.

→ It is through the power of the Holy Spirit that we are called to do the same;

Benediction

So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us. (1 Thessalonians 2:8)