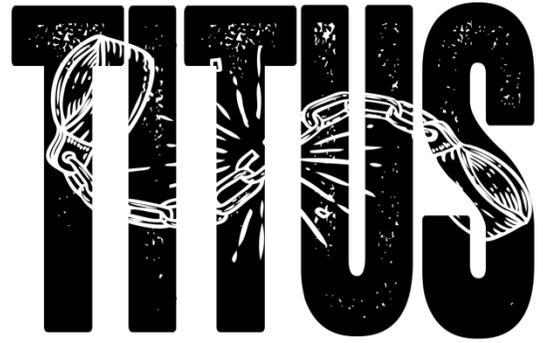


HUB NOTES

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The Prime of Life
Titus 2:1-2



- 1) Why would someone be drawn to get input and encouragement from someone in their own stage of life versus someone who was much older?
- 2) From your experience, how has it been helpful to intentionally pursue older, wiser more mature believers for input and encouragement?

Read Titus 2:1-2 in two different translations

Temperate (<i>nephalios</i>)	They need to be restrained and sober. This is a Greek word that literally means they are not to be intoxicated with wine or alcohol. Remember, Cretans were known as liars, evil beasts, and lazy gluttons. They must avoid the drunken parties on that island. Christ wants them to stand out, not indulge their appetites, remember priorities.
Dignified (<i>semnos</i>)	It means honorable and worthy of respect. It means he's the kind of man who over the years has won the respect of his children, his wife, co-workers and friends.
Self-controlled (<i>sophron</i>)	Similar to restrained, but goes further into the area of sound judgment against impulsiveness; measured restraint.
Sound in faith (<i>pistis</i>)	Literally "wholesome in faith." Believing in Christ, which determines Christian identity and expresses itself in the good works that God has for us.
Sound in love (<i>agape</i>)	They must be sound in agape love - other-centered love - exercise-of-the-will kind of love. Paul says (1 Cor. 13:1-3) you can speak the tongues of men and angels, but if you don't have agape, you are a sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.
Sound in endurance (<i>hypomone</i>)	At the end of 1 Corinthians 13 we hear that the greatest virtues are faith, hope, and love. Here Paul exchanges hope with endurance for these older men. It fits because patience, endurance, and perseverance flow out of hope. <i>Hypomone</i> (endurance) allows one to endure tribulation and allows one to be transformed by tribulation (Rom. 5:3-4, 2 Cor 1:6, 2 Thess. 1:4).

- 3) Which of the six qualities that Paul presents is the most interesting to you?
- 4) As you age, which of the six qualities might be a strength? Which one do you fear will be a weakness?

Read Psalm 71:18-19

- 5) What was King David's prayer late in life?
- 6) What specific part can you play to invite older, wiser, more mature believers into your life?

