

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST DALTON, GA



# Mindful LIVING

INTENTIONALITY & THE EARLY CHURCH

**RAISING UP THE NEXT GEN.**

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LOVE GOD ■ LOVE OTHERS ■ MAKE DISCIPLES

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FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS

The gospel is relevant for every generation (Acts 2:5, 39).

FOR THE PROMISE IS...

For you = \_\_\_\_\_

Your children = \_\_\_\_\_

All who are afar off = \_\_\_\_\_

God uses young people to accomplish His will  
(Ac. 2:17; 5:6, 10; 7:58; 20:9; 23:17-18).

LIST THREE “YOUNG PEOPLE” IN THE BIBLE

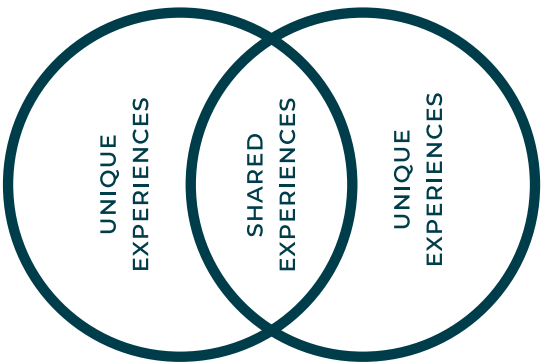
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The church has a responsibility to nurture the next generation (Ac. 2:42; 6:1-7; 18:24-28).

FOR YOU: We have a duty to “\_\_\_\_\_”  
to certain activities (2:42)

YOUR CHILDREN: We miss opportunities when we fail to  
“\_\_\_\_\_” the next generation (6:1-7)

AFAR OFF: We run people away when we do not treat them  
with “\_\_\_\_\_” (18:24-28)



STARTING MEANINGFUL  
CONVERSATIONS

- F - FAMILY
- O - OCCUPATION
- R - RECREATION
- M - MOTIVATION

## CHRISTIANITY'S CURRENT CULTURAL CLIMATE (IN AMERICA)

<p>SEEKER SENSITIVE (1984-1994)</p> <p>POSITIVE WORLD</p> <p>CHRISTIANITY GENERALLY ACCEPTED</p>	<p>CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT (1994-2014)</p> <p>NEUTRAL WORLD</p> <p>CHRISTIANITY IS ONE VIEW AMONG MANY</p>	<p>CULTURAL RESISTANCE (2014 -)</p> <p>NEGATIVE WORLD</p> <p>CHRISTIANITY IS EXTREME AND A THREAT</p>
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## PRACTICAL PERSPECTIVES

**INTERGENERATIONAL:** older members must invest in the younger generations (Ac. 16:1-5; 1 Tim. 5:1-2, 19-20, 23).

Paul gave Timothy practical advice about \_\_\_\_\_

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**EMPOWERMENT:** we need to move from tolerating to empowering our young (Ac. 11:25-26; 1 Tim. 4:12; 2 Tim. 2:2).

Blend \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
elements in worship

Make people feel \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Allow them to \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus

**IDENTITY:** we must live authentic lives rooted and grounded in Christ (Ac. 4:12-13, 18-19; Co. 2:6-10).

### FIVE DECLARATIONS:

I refuse to be \_\_\_\_\_ by my past (2 Corinthians 5:17)

I no longer seek \_\_\_\_\_ from the world (Galatians 1:10)

I am fully \_\_\_\_\_ by God (Romans 8:38-39)

I am \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ, not in myself (Acts 4:12-13)

I am \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ, lacking nothing (Colossians 2:10)

# Scripture READING

## ACTS 16:1-5

“THEN HE CAME TO DERBE AND LYSTRA. AND BEHOLD, A CERTAIN DISCIPLE WAS THERE, NAMED TIMOTHY, THE SON OF A CERTAIN JEWISH WOMAN WHO BELIEVED, BUT HIS FATHER WAS GREEK. HE WAS WELL SPOKEN OF BY THE BRETHREN WHO WERE AT LYSTRA AND ICONIUM. PAUL WANTED TO HAVE HIM GO ON WITH HIM. AND HE TOOK HIM AND CIRCUMCISED HIM BECAUSE OF THE JEWS WHO WERE IN THAT REGION, FOR THEY ALL KNEW THAT HIS FATHER WAS GREEK. AND AS THEY WENT THROUGH THE CITIES, THEY DELIVERED TO THEM THE DECREES TO KEEP, WHICH WERE DETERMINED BY THE APOSTLES AND ELDERS AT JERUSALEM. SO THE CHURCHES WERE STRENGTHENED IN THE FAITH, AND INCREASED IN NUMBER DAILY.”

(ACTS 16:1-5, NKJV)



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