



PURSUIT 24

In Pursuit of The Next
Generation

Php 3:12-14 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. (13) Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, (14) I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

In Review

- What does it mean to Pursue?
- God's Pursuit of Man
- Man's Pursuit of Sin
- In Pursuit of Christ as a Person and an Ideal
- In Pursuit of Endurance
- In Pursuit of Holiness
- In Pursuit of a Resurrected Life
- In Pursuit of Mastery of Gifting
- In Pursuit of Producing Fruit

Today





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Tit 2:2-3 That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience. (3) The aged women likewise, that *they be* in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

- Aged Men: Πρεσβύτες presbutēs- an old man, an aged man, or a man of years and presumably wisdom.
- Statistics are not on the side of our youth and young adults.
 - 70% of High School youth leave church after Highschool, 50% of them return about a decade later. –churchleaders.com
- They are hurting and need help.
- We cannot afford to let others raise our children.
- It starts with our example.

What God expects from us Men

- Tit 2:2 That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.
- Sober- νηφάλιος (nēphaleios)- (figuratively) *circumspect*: - sober, vigilant.
 - Circumspect means acting in such a way to avoid risk.
 - Vigilant is the idea being careful to notice things especially danger.
- Grave- -"In their behaviour, speech, and dress; levity of conversation, frothy language, and airy dress, are very unbecoming aged persons."- John Gil
 - When it comes to sound doctrine and teaching our young people it is not nor should it be a joke to us or them.
 - We teach these seriously so that you might take them seriously. (Not some frivolous side gig)



Also...

- Temperate- σώφρων (sōphrōn) 1) of a sound mind, sane, in one's senses 2) curbing one's desires and impulses, self-controlled, temperate.
 - Controlling things like temper, reactions, speech. Not allowing our flesh to control those things.
- Sound in Faith, Love (Charity), and Peace or Patience.
 - All components of spiritual fruit that men need to be thinking about.
 - Faith- Conviction of the truth of Sound Doctrine
 - Charity or Love- (Agape) a feast of love (In a social or moral sense)
 - Peace or Patience- Steadfastness, endurance, waiting patiently with quiet endurance.





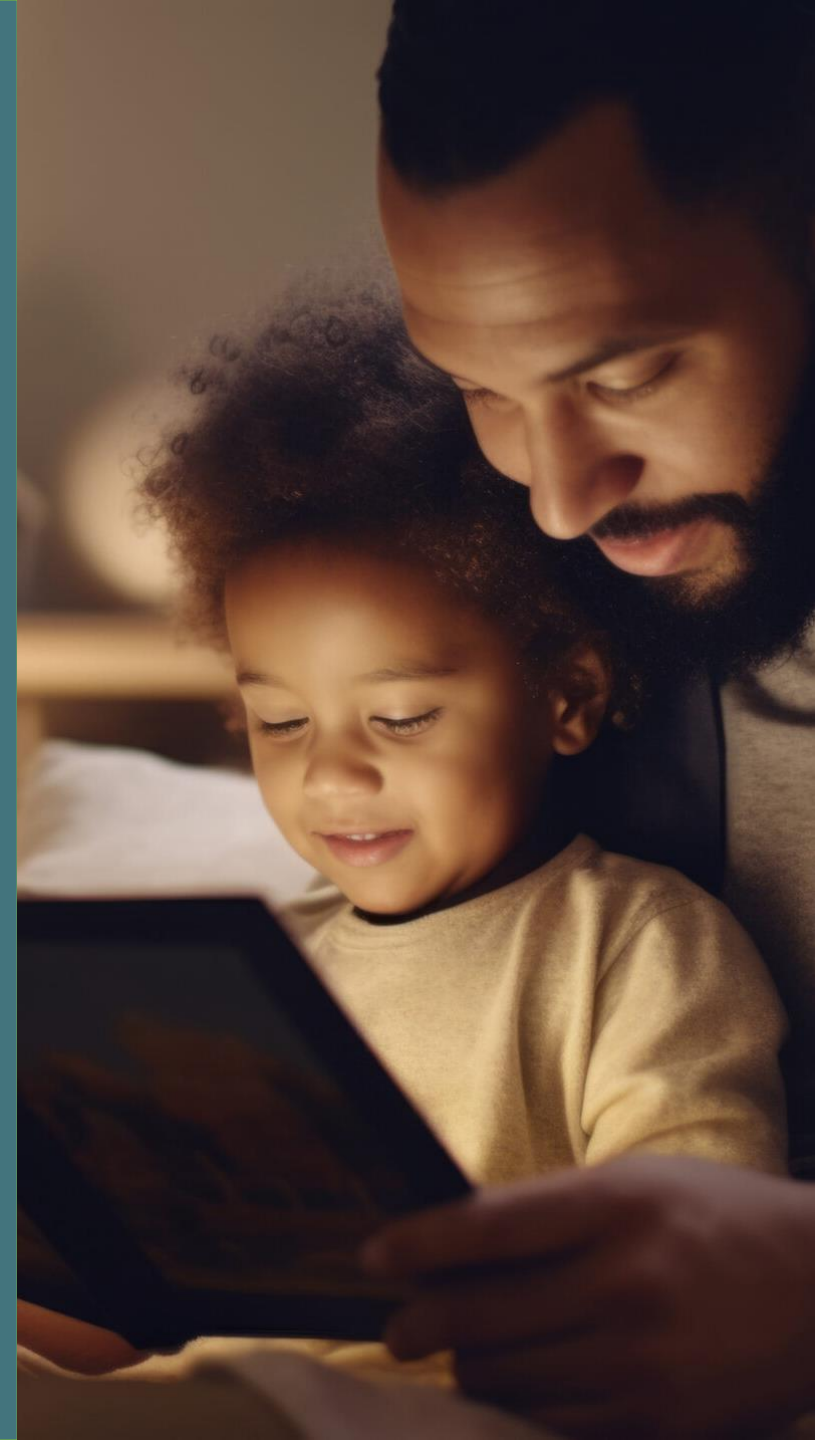
We live this way because...

Tit 2:6-8 Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. (7) In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, (8) Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

- Sober minded- Of a mind that is inclined to be vigilant to danger both moral and physical.
- A pattern of Good Works- 1Ti 4:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.
 - Teach them to be an example despite their youth.
 - Don't except bad behavior as being just because... Expect more, be more, be better.

As well as...

- Concerning Doctrine- From the Greek meaning what is taught, or precepts.
 - Uncorrupt- Integrity of mind, no wavering no compromise.
 - Gravity- Insinuates weight but not only weight, truth that attracts others to it. Because of the seriousness of its nature. Again, take it seriously, gravely, like those soldiers at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.
 - Sincerity- Free from pretense or deceit, proceeding from genuine feelings.
 - “Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.” Titus 2:8.
 - We have the most powerful freedom ever granted individuals. Free Speech.





Why is this so important?

Because life is freaking hard man.

Because there are enemies out there to watch.

Because there will be dragons to slay, and demons to conquer.

Because these young men will grow up to be the protectors and care takers of:

Families

Churches

Doctrine

The Future

2Ti 2:1-3 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. (2) And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. (3) Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

**They
Need
Us**



*From
Creation*



*Man has
Pursued
Death*



*But God
sought to
Redeem*



*So that man
might choose
Life.*



Repent and Believe



King and the
Kingdom



Pursue Him, as an
Ideal



Pursue Him, as a
Person



So that...



With new
Life

We may Pursue
With endurance...



Holiness



Gifts

Fruit







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