



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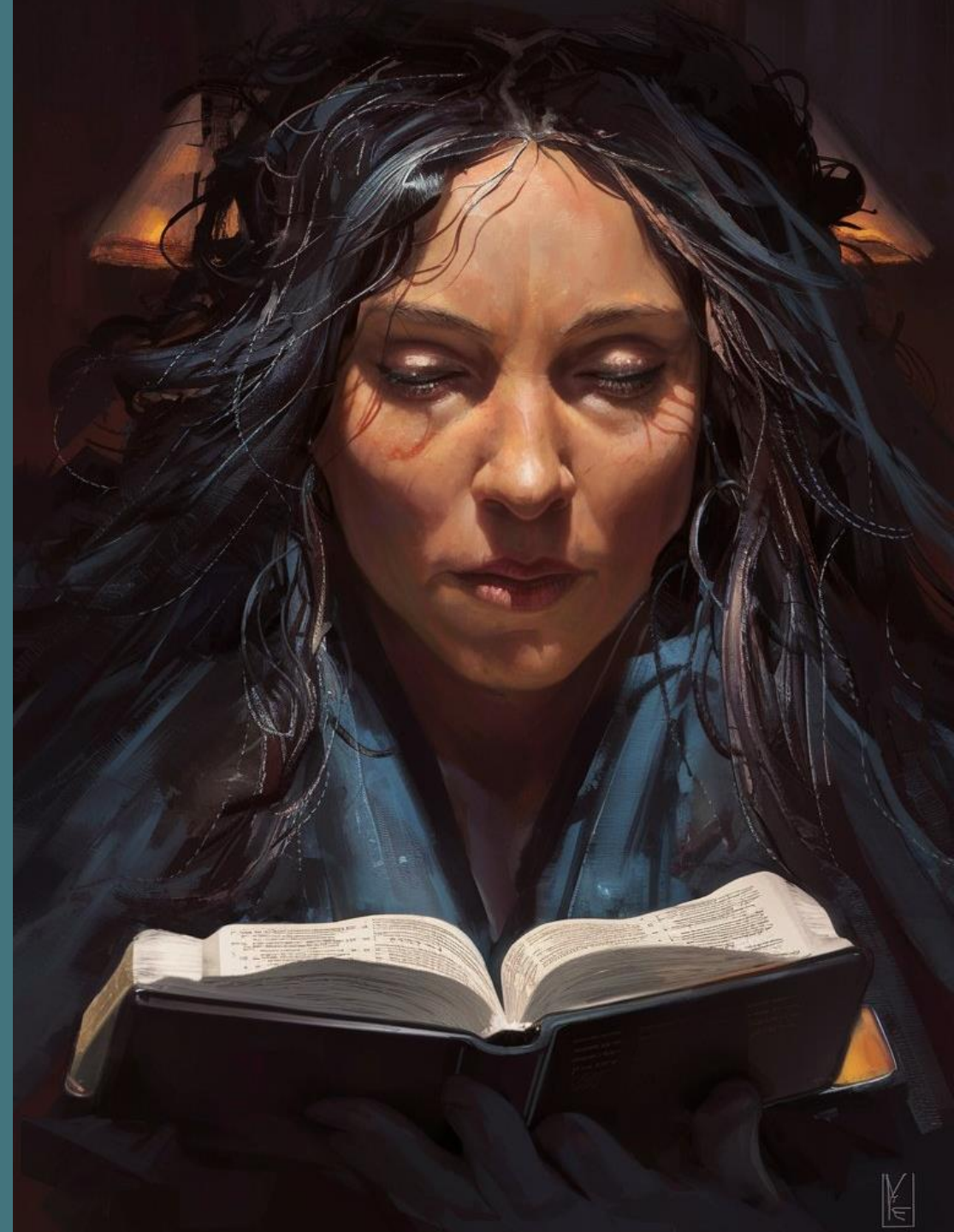
Tit 2:2-3 That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience. (3) The aged women likewise, that *they be* in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

- 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 Women

Tit 2:3 The aged women likewise, that *they be* in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

- Behaving with holiness-
 - Behavior- Demeanor or deportment
 - Holiness- Reverent (Showing profound respect or veneration) TO?
 - God
 - The Office of Priest and Child of God
 - Others that they may see God in you
- Not False Accusers- Bringing a false report.





We live this way because...

- Not slaves to wine- Just like anything else it is a moderation issue.
 - This extends to more of a life philosophy though rather than just wine.
 - Be slave to no thing, but instead be a bond servant of Jesus Christ and in subjection to your husband.
- Teachers of good things- What things are good.
 - Biblical ideals
 - Solid and useful ideas
 - Things that improve lives and the kingdom
 - Purity and being chaste, honor

Also...

- Tit 2:4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,
- Like the men, it is multigenerational faithfulness.
 - Those of your household primarily
 - Although there is no specific command for just that
 - Think about...
 - New moms that need spiritual guidance
 - Young teens, supporting biblical ideals or correcting false ideas
 - Discipling and caring for other younger women learning to be the next generation.
 - Maybe stop being so generational





What are we teaching them?

Tit 2:4-5 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, (5) To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

- Sober- Again the term is watchful, vigilant, and wise.
- To love their husbands- philandros (fil'-an-dros) fond of man, that is, affectionate as a wife.
- To love their children- philoteknos (fil-ot'-ek-nos) fond of one's children, that is, maternal:
 - This display of genuine love both andros and teknos are a reflection of:
 - Your Household
 - Your Husband
 - Your Children
 - Your Church
- What if he doesn't deserve love? Everyone deserves love of some kind.

Biblical advice is given for biblical marriages...

- 1 Corinthians 7 is the main verse used when talking about dysfunctional marriages.
 - People assume that because it says, “Let not the wife depart from *her* husband:” that in some way this means no matter what, you must deal with it. FALSE.
 - You can leave over fornication for sure. But even in that case scripture seems to say you should not remarry. “But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to *her* husband: and let not the husband put away *his* wife. ”
 - You should not remain in an abusive relationship, abuse is a crime, domestic violence is a crime and he or she should be held accountable for it.
 - God does not demand that because your married you must be a victim, but even in that you should love one another, especially wives.






Allegory of Chastity by Hans Memling.

What else...

- Discrete- Sound in mind self controlled. Sophron as a Greek word is more about passion though and less about the mind. Controlling passions and emotions.
 - Imaginations
- Chaste- 1. Morally pure in thought or conduct; decent and modest. 2.a. Not having experienced sexual intercourse; virginal. b. Abstaining from unlawful sexual intercourse. c. Abstaining from sexual intercourse; celibate.
 - -American Heritage Dictionary-
 - Let's make modesty great again.
- Keepers at Home- That is to be domestically inclined. There is no more challenging of a career than that of the stay-at-home mom. The world has been trying to destroy this for all of history.
- Be good, and obedient to their OWN husbands.

The Word of God be not Blasphemed.. or vilified.



The image is a composite of two scenes from the movie 'The Hunger Games'. On the left, a young girl with long, dark, braided hair and a somber expression looks off to the side. On the right, a young boy in a dark, military-style uniform with a sash and a serious expression looks directly at the camera. The background is a blurred, dark, and desaturated urban environment, suggesting a war-torn city. The text 'They Need Us' is centered in a large, white, sans-serif font.

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



Fruit



Gifts







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