

SPIRITUAL MATURITY

Titus week three / grace revealed

Transform Culture

- In week one we talked about how God's grace helps us "Unlearn" the ways of our culture. And in week two we saw how our new birth and new life in Jesus shows God's grace to the world.
- This week we want to talk about Spiritual Maturity and the vital role it plays in how God's grace transforms our culture.

Spiritual Maturity

- “Spiritual maturity is not gained necessarily in ‘years’ or age, but by the distance of time between belief and obedience. Spiritually mature followers of Jesus help to transform their cultures.”
 - One of Titus’ main tasks was to find spiritually mature husbands and fathers, full of integrity, to lead the churches on Crete. This would display God’s grace and help transform Cretan culture.
 - Knowing about Cretan culture, where was Titus supposed to find these kind of men? (1:6-9)
 - What was he to teach them? (2:1-2)
 - What would be the chain-reaction of good leaders? (2:10)

Titus' Leaders

1. He must lead a blameless life
2. He must be faithful to his wife
3. His children (If any) must be believers and have a good reputation
4. He must desire to manage God's household well
5. He must not be arrogant
6. He must not be quick-tempered
7. He must not be a heavy drinker
8. He must not be violent
9. He must not be dishonest with money

Titus' Leaders

10. He must enjoy having guests in his home
11. He must love what is good
12. He must live wisely
13. He must live justly (be fair)
14. He must live devoutly
15. He must live a disciplined life
16. He must be well-taught and strong in good Bible doctrine
17. He must be able to encourage others with good teaching
18. He must be able to refute those who oppose good teaching

Growers

- The best waves at Snapper Rocks on the Gold Coast are called 'growers.' How do we grow from spiritual infancy to spiritual maturity?
- 1. GROWERS GROW INTENTIONALLY.
 - A. You need to choose to grow, and you do so by making commitments. There were crowds around Jesus as there are crowds around here, but it takes commitment to believe, be baptized, and start serving. The committed form the core.

Growers

2. GROWERS FIND MENTORS— HUMAN EXAMPLES FOLLOWING JESUS WILL SHOW US THE WAY AND HOLD US ACCOUNTABLE.
 - A. The word for 'disciple' means learner or adherent, and we need to ask for a mentor to teach us the way of Jesus. Life groups are essential for growth!

Growers

3. GROWERS CHANGE HABITS— repentance is a change of mind leading to a change of direction. I am NOT what I was, but I am NOW ____.
- A. Devotion daily to God is a new habit, Bible Study is a new habit, Prayer is a new habit, giving to the gathering is a new habit, life-together is a new habit etc...

Growers

4. GROWERS GATHER UNDER JESUS' PURPOSES.
(‘Ekklesia’ is the word for church in Greek and means gathering, assembly or congregation)
 - A. The purposes of Jesus for His gathering grow us: Discipleship (deeper), Worship (stronger), Fellowship (warmer), Ministry (broader), Mission (larger)