

Pastor Al Veillette III, May 24th, 2020

Titus 2:1-5

“ARE YOU LIVING UP TO YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES?”

Philippians 4:1-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentle *spirit* be known to all men. The Lord is near. ⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

There are 5 reasons why every Christian should read them, study them and apply them:

1. The content in these letters pertains to the *life of the church*, more than Pastoral Ministry.
2. It is vital that church members understand *what a Pastor is CALLED to do*.
3. While some men are called to a full-time vocation of preaching and teaching and others are asked to become elders, *ALL men and women are called to the SAME characteristics of godliness*.
4. Every believer can *function* as a shepherd, a teacher and a pastor.
5. The Pastoral Epistles *help call out the called*.

Proverbs 6:16-19

16 There are six things which the LORD hates,

Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him:

17 Haughty eyes, a lying tongue,

And hands that shed innocent blood,

18 A heart that devises wicked plans,

Feet that run rapidly to evil,

19 A false witness who utters lies,

And one who spreads strife among brothers.

Titus 2:1-5

1 But as for you, speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine.

2 Older men are to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in perseverance.

3 Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good,

4 so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,

5 *to be* sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.

Titus 1:9, 13

⁹ holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.

¹³ This testimony is true. For this reason reprove them severely so that they may be sound in the faith,

1 Corinthians 15:33

Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals."

1 Timothy 4:12

Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.

Philemon 1:5

because I hear of your love and of the faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints;

2 Thessalonians 1:4

therefore, we ourselves speak proudly of you among the churches of God for your perseverance and faith in the midst of all your persecutions and afflictions which you endure.

Romans 12:14-21

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation. ¹⁷ Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men. ¹⁹ Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord. ²⁰ "BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

LET'S PRAY & Then I have a quick announcement re: next week.