

FELLOWSHIP NOTES ~ April 10th, 2022



Part 6: “Healthy Living That Produces Good Works”

Titus 2:1-10 (Part 3)

Spiritually Healthy Qualities God Wants Us to Possess and Live By that will Produce Good Works that will Make the Gospel Attractive to those who need Christ:

Spiritual Qualities of Younger Women in the Church

1. Love your husband (2:4a)
2. Love your children (2:4b)
3. Be self-controlled (2:5a)
4. Be Pure (2:5b)
5. Be _____ (2:5c) – Make your home your number one priority: “rule the home” (1 Tim5:14)
6. Be _____ (2:5d) – gentle, considerate, sympathetic toward others (Eph. 4:32)
7. Be in _____ (2:5e) – Be willing to place yourself under the authority of your husband, who is the head and authority of the family (Eph. 5:22-30)

Why? So that God’s Word will not be _____ (2:5f) – dishonored; defamed; not glorified

Spiritual Qualities of Younger Men in the Church

1. Be _____ (2:6) – temperate, avoiding extravagance and overindulgence; free from intoxication; to take life seriously



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2. Follow the example of _____ – (2:7b)

To learn:

- a. The importance of _____ (2:7b)
- b. The importance of _____ (2:7c-8a)

Why? So that anyone would be ashamed to try to say anything bad about you (2:8)

Spiritual Qualities of Christian Slaves (modern-day employees)

1. Be _____ (2:9a) – willingly place yourself under the authority of your boss, with a good attitude (Ephesians 6:5-6; Colossians 3:22-23; 1 Timothy 6:1)
2. Exhibit _____ (2:9b) – committed to excellence and above all honoring God in one’s work ethic (1 Timothy 6:1-2)

Including:

 - a. Not _____ (2:9b) – not be argumentative
 - b. Not _____ (2:10a) – being honest
 - c. Being completely _____ (2:10b) – loyal, trustworthy, hard-working

Why: So that our lives may compliment (confirm) the reality of God and the gospel (2:10c)

Growth Group Study Guide for April 10th – 17th

Announcements

1. Our Easter weekend outreach services are coming up April 15th & 17th. Please continue praying for people God wants you to invite and pray for our services that many will come to faith in Christ. Please also include these in your group prayer time.

Getting Started

Group Discussion #1: Pastor Rob said in his Sunday morning message: “When we make that choice, that commitment, (to follow Jesus) our lives take a turn from going the direction that everyone else in the world is going, to going the complete opposite direction – the direction of following Jesus and obeying His commands, living the way he wants us to live.” How did your life change after you came to faith in Christ for salvation?

Group Discussion #2. Here’s another quote from the morning message: “The call to follow Jesus is a call to live like Him and in obedience to His commands which automatically places us in an upstream kind of living. So when we live the way Jesus wants us to live, we stand out.” Did you experience this after you were saved? How?

Group Discussion #3. Also from the message: “Christ wants us to stick out. This is how people in the world will know that we are His followers. This is what will draw those who don’t know Christ to us in search of truth. When we live green-fish lives against the current of gray-fish lives and couple that with lifestyles of doing good works for the benefit of others in the name of Jesus, we will then have the credibility and a platform to share

the gospel with others in a way that will make following Jesus Christ a compelling option to those who need Jesus. And this is how we reach our area for Jesus Christ.” Now read 1 Peter 2:9-12.

What does Peter say about God’s desire for us in regard to how we live and how that connects with our testimony to a watching world? What is one thing God wants us to make sure that are doing in the way we live? (vs. 12)

Digging Deeper

1. Last week we looked at the first four qualities found in Titus 2:4-5 that God desires for the younger women in our church to pursue and practice. Read verse 5 again. What are the last three spiritual qualities?

1.) #4: _____ - What is involved in living out this quality and why do you believe God sees the importance in younger women practicing it? _____

2.) #5: _____ - Where should a younger woman start in living out this quality and why? _____

3.) _____ - This spiritual quality has been so abused by those who don’t understand it’s true meaning. In its most basic form, younger women are to recognize their husband’s God-given position as the head of the home and to submit to the authority that is inherent in that position. It’s no different from all of living in submission to the other authority figures God has placed in our lives. If none of lived this way, our families, our churches, our societies would be in chaos – and historical evidence proves this is what happens when submission to authority no longer exists. Read 1 Peer 2:13-17.

Who/what does God say we are as Christians? _____

How should we live as a result of who we are (what should mark our lives)? _____

What is our responsibility to all human authority? Who? Why? _____

What would happen in the context of a marriage/family is younger women decided not to practice submission to their husbands? _____

2. Read Titus 2:6-8. What are the spiritual qualities God is looking for in the younger men in the church? (see also the notes on the front page)

1.) #1: _____ - Why would this be such an important quality for a young Christian man in the church family? Why is this a challenging charge for young men? _____

2.) #2: _____ - In verses 7-8 we see two important aspects of spiritual character that God wants younger men to possess and live. What are they? _____

3.) The end of verse 8 tells young men why God wants them to possess these qualities. What is His reason and why do you believe it so important? _____

3. Titus 2:9-10 wraps up the section on spiritual qualities with giving us what and how God wants to see people live who are under the submission of an authority figure of a boss/employer. What are they? (See also the notes on the second page)

1.) #1: _____ - Again, this reminds of 1 Peter 2, doesn't it? Why would living this out toward one's boss/employer help one's witness for Christ to that person(s) and your co-workers? _____

2.) #2: _____ - What should this kind of conduct include? Why?

The end of verse 10 again tells why employees should seek to practice these qualities. What is God's reason? _____

Wrapping Up

Pastor Rob noted this quote from a commentator on Titus 2: "For a person to be convinced that God can save him from their sin, he needs to be shown someone who has been saved from sin and who, as far as possible, lives a life separated from sin. For a person to be convinced of God's hope, he must be shown someone who has hope where there was once despair. For a person to be convinced that God can miraculously provide us with love, peace, and happiness, he needs to be shown someone who now radiates those blessings." Fellowship family, let's seek to be the people whose lives convince others that God wants to and can liberate them from sin and give them hope, peace, forgiveness and eternal life.

Close in prayer for our Easter Services and the people the members of your group are praying to invite.