

Influence and Discipleship

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Mother's Day

"You, however, must teach what is appropriate to sound doctrine. Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in the faith, in love and in endurance. Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to too much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God. Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled. In everything set them an example by doing what is good. " Titus 2:1-7a

Titus 2 gives a biblical model for discipleship

God gives us a gender specific, multigenerational discipleship model

Sound doctrine must be the foundation for discipleship

Older Men - temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and endurance (verse 2)

Young Men - self-controlled (verse 6)

Older Women - reverent, not slanderers, not addicted to wine, teach good (verse 3)

Young Women - love husband, love children, self-controlled, pure, work at home, kind, submissive to husband (verse 5)

What does discipleship look like?

- * Personal
- * Practical
- * Intentional

Why does influence matter?

"This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone. " Titus 3:8

"What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?" "So also by faith itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works." James 2:14, 17-18

Every follower of Christ is called to disciple

This is how we pass the baton of faith, by discipling one generation at a time. And then discipling the next generation, equipping them to disciple the next generation.

"Go therefore and make disciples....teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."
Matthew 28:19a & 20