

Titus 2:1-10

1. Older men should be dignified and mature (2)

²Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance.

2. Older women should be reverent and teach (3-4)

³Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. ⁴Then they can urge the younger women

3. Younger women should love their families and work hard (4-5)

⁴Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children, ⁵to 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.

4. Young men should be self-controlled and serious (6-8)

⁶Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled. ⁷In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness ⁸and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.

5. Slaves should be submissive and trustworthy (9-10)

⁹Teach slaves to be subject to their masters in everything, to try to please them, not to talk back to them, ¹⁰and not to steal from them, but to show that they can be fully trusted, so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Saviour attractive.

Let me make three quick observations about these instructions.

1. The challenges to our life of godliness change depending on our age and stage.
2. The life of godliness is caught as well as taught.
3. You have a very great need for discipleship in our church family.

Three reasons spread throughout the text for cultivating a gospel lifestyle

The first reason comes in (5).

The second reason comes in (8).

And finally, the third reason comes in (10).

Conclusion

Paul's strategy emerges – missionary discipleship