

**Providence Reformed Baptist Church - Sunday, July 17, 2022**

**Sermon Series: God's Plan and Purposes for Marriage**

**Message 11. Qualities for Older and Younger Men – Titus 2:1-2, 6-8**

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**Introduction** – Paul is giving Titus instructions so that in his pastoral ministry on the Island of Crete he might be able to teach and instruct the church in righteousness. In chapter 2 verse 1, he tells Titus to “speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine.” Proof of right teaching is right living, so in the verses that follow, Paul focuses on the qualities or characteristics that would be evident in the life of faithful disciples. He includes qualities for older men and women and younger men and women in the church.

- I. Proper for Sound Doctrine – vs. 1
  - A. Proper – fitting, that is, it fits – “Sound doctrine looks like this \_\_\_\_\_.”
  - B. Sound – healthy, figuratively accurate
  - C. Doctrine – teaching or instruction – 2 Tim. 3:16-17
- II. Qualities for Older Men – vs. 1-2
  - A. Older – Gk: *presbuteras* – elder, older man, aged
  - B. Sober
    1. Self-control – Gal. 5:23; 2 Peter 1:5-9
      - a. Not controlled by/addicted to a substance
      - b. Clear Headed
    2. Reverent – honorable, blameless, above reproach, respectable – 1 Tim. 3:2, 7; Titus 1:6
    3. Temperate – a healthy mind (self-control in thought) - a serious awareness of responsibility
  - C. Sound – healthy/well/good/correct
    1. In Faith – belief and trust
    2. In Love – agape
    3. In Patience – endurance, perseverance, steadfastness
- III. Qualities for Younger Men - vs. 6-8
  - A. Exhort – Gk: *parakaleo* – to urge, to come along side to guide and teach
  - B. Young Men – Gk: *neos*, new, young, youthful (12 to 50)
  - C. Self-Control - vs. 6b
    1. Current Culture = Instant Gratification + No Boundaries
    2. "Happiness is the chief end of man; tolerance is the highest virtue."
    3. Young Men are Impulsive and Reckless, even before Hormones Kick In
    4. Fruit of the Spirit = Self-Control (filled w/ Spirit)
      - a. Emotional - temper
      - b. Physical - youthful lusts
      - c. Mental - pride, arrogance
      - d. Spiritual - idolatry, self-worship
      - e. Examples
        - 1) Joseph - Potifar's Wife
        - 2) David - Goliath
        - 3) Daniel - Serving Nebuchadnezzar
  - D. A Pattern to Follow – vs. 7
    1. An Example = Gk: *tupos*, "imprint, stamp" - 1 Cor. 11:1; Phil. 3:17; 2 Thess. 3:9
    2. Good Works - righteousness

3. Integrity and Reverence in Doctrine
  - a. Pure, Sound
  - b. Incorruptible, above reproach
- E. Shaming Opponents - vs. 8
  1. Sound Speech - healthy conversation – Eph. 4:29; 5:3-7
  2. "That one who is an opponent may be ashamed" refers to vs 2-8
    - a. Opponents may accuse (falsely), but it won't stick
    - b. Nothing Bad to Say About Us (that's true)
- IV. Conclusion: God has designed roles within the family and the church for men and women
  - A. Don't go to extremes
  - B. Seek to fulfill your role in obedience to God and His Word
  - C. "Do Not Be Bitter" – Col. 3:19
  - D. Self-Control – be filled with the Spirit – Eph. 5:19; Gal. 5:16

## **Cross References**

### **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

### **Galatians 5:23**

23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

### **2 Peter 1:5-9**

5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

### **1 Timothy 3:2**

2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach;

### **1 Timothy 3:7**

7 Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

### **Titus 1:6**

6 if a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of dissipation or insubordination.

### **1 Corinthians 11:1**

11 Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.

**Philippians 3:17**

17 Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.

**2 Thessalonians 3:9**

9 not because we do not have authority, but to make ourselves an example of how you should follow us.

**Ephesians 4:29**

29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

**Ephesians 5:3-7**

3 But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; 4 neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. 5 For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. 7 Therefore do not be partakers with them.

**Colossians 3:19**

19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.

**Ephesians 5:19**

19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

**Galatians 5:16**

16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.