

TITUS 2

1. Instead of being proud, what did Paul call himself at the beginning of the letter to Titus?

-A servant or slave of God.

2. Is it better to be a servant of Christ or to be a servant of sin, death, and Satan?

-It is eternally better to be a servant or slave of Christ.

3. How is the Word of God like gold?

-The deeper that we dig into the Word of God, the more gold we will find.

4. For us Christians, what is our greatest hope?

-Eternal life with God Himself.

5. Who should choose the elders of the church?

-God the Holy Spirit through men with a strong faith.

6. What should be the greatest work of a father?

-To lead his children to Christ.

7. Why is an elder an overseer of God's work?

-Because elders must care for the church which belongs to God.

8. What does it mean to be overbearing?

-To be overbearing means to want your own will above the will of God.

9. What does it mean to be holy?

-To be holy means to be set apart for God or to give ourselves completely to God.

10. If we give ourselves completely to God, what will happen?

-God will become our holiness.

11. What does it mean to be disciplined?

-To be disciplined means to continually call on God that our flesh would be crucified, and that God alone would be the One who would think and speak and act in our lives.

-For most of Titus chapter 1, God teaches us about elders in the church.

-In the last few verses of chapter 1, however, we learn about false teachers:

Let's read Titus 1:16

16-They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good.

-False teachers are proud, saying that they know God better than others.

-In truth, however, false teachers do not know God, and deny God by the way they live their lives.

-How do we know if someone is a true teacher of the Word of God?

-First, their teaching is according to the Word of God.

-Second, they live their lives according to the Word of God.

Let's read Titus 2:1

1-You, however, must teach what is appropriate to sound doctrine.

-All that is written in the Bible is from God.

-In simple mathematics, the Word of God equals God, and God equals the Word of God.

-All that is written in the Bible is good for teaching, for correcting, and for training us in righteousness (2 Ti 3:16).

-This is why teaching the Word of God is the most important work of the church.

-This is why the apostles asked the early church to choose seven men to help the widows and to do other work so that the apostles could continue their work with the Word of God (Ac 6).

-This is why the elders of the church must be able to

teach the Word of God.

-If the teaching of the Word of God is not strong, then what will happen to the church and the faith of the people?

-They will suffer.

-However, if the teaching of the Word of God is strong, then the church and the faith of the people will be strong.

-Should we teach only on Sunday and only in a church building?

-No.

-We should teach at all times and at all places.

-Paul taught the Ephesians in public, but also from house to house (Ac 20:20).

-Our teaching should be sound doctrine, that is, strictly the Word of God.

-We should never add to or take away from the Word of God that God Himself has written through men.

-As God warns us in Revelation 22:18-19:

18-"I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this

scroll.

19-And if anyone takes words away from this scroll of prophecy, God will take away from that person any share in the tree of life and in the Holy City, which are described in this scroll.”

-We should also not be afraid to teach any truth that would be helpful to people.

-Even though teaching the truths of God may hurt people in the beginning, it will help them for eternity.

-Here is an illustration:

-If your children are sick and need medicine or an injection, would you give it to them even though they do not want it?

-Yes.

-You give your children their medicine not to hurt them, but rather to heal them.

-The Word of God is the best medicine for all of our souls.

-This is why we must use every opportunity to teach the Word of God.

-While it is important to teach all who come to the church building on Sunday, it is also important to teach men and women on other days.

-How should we teach the older men of the church?

Let's read Titus 2:2

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

-Are older men important before God?

-Yes.

-Even though older men cannot work as hard as they used to, they are never too old for the work of the Lord.

-As we learn in 1 Corinthians 12, everyone in the family of Christ is important.

-How do we know that God has work for the older men in the church?

-If God did not have work for them, then He would take them to be with Him in heaven.

-If God has kept any of us Christians here on earth, we can know that He still has work for us.

-Even if an older man is not able to read or walk long distances, he can still be a good example.

-Even if an older man is not an elder, he can still be a good example.

-Older men can be a good example to their wives, their children, their grandchildren, and many others.

-Why is it important for the older men in the church to be a good example?

-Because many people watch them.

-Because they can encourage many people by their example.

-How should we teach the older men of the church?

-We teach the older men of the church to be temperate.

-Older men have more years behind them than in front of them.

-This means that they must use their time wisely, and not waste the remaining years that God will give to them.

-We teach the older men of the church to be worthy of respect.

-Older men are worthy of respect when they use the many truths and experiences that they have learned in life to teach and serve others in the church.

-We teach the older men of the church to be self controlled.

-Older men should know that they are no longer children, and should live their lives under the control of the Holy Spirit.

-We teach the older men of the church to be sound in faith, in love, and in endurance.

-Older men should have a strong faith in God so that they can help others in the church to have a strong faith in God.

-Older men should have a strong love for God so that their love will encourage others in the church.

-Older men should have a strong will to continue with life so that they can help to solve problems among others in the church.

-How should we teach the older women of the church?

Let's read Titus 2:3

3-Likewise, 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.

-Are older women important before God?

-Yes.

-Just like the older men, older women are also a part of the family of Christ and have a very important work.

-Just like the older men, if God did not have a work for the older women, He would have already taken them to be with Him in heaven.

-As long as God leaves us here on earth, we can be sure that God has work for us.

-Whom do the younger women and the children watch for an example?

-The older women of the church.

-Older women are always an example for the younger women and the children.

-We teach the older women of the church to be reverent in the way they live.

-This means that the older women should set a good example with their clothes they wear and the lives they live.

-Older women who are reverent will not bring attention to themselves, but rather to God.

-We teach the older women of the church not to be slanderers.

-To slander means to tell lies about other people in order to hurt them.

-While men hurt other men using their hands, women hurt other women using their words.

-The older women of the church must not speak lies nor use their words to hurt others in the church for this will divide the church.

-The older women in the church should only use their words to encourage others.

-We teach the older women of the church not to be addicted to much wine.

-Many older women of the world drink alcohol to soften the pain of life and loneliness.

-Older women of the church, however, should turn to God to soften the pain of life and loneliness, and not to alcohol.

-We teach the older women of the church to teach what is good.

-Because the older women in the church have lived many years, they have learned much about God and life.

-Therefore, the older women should teach that which they have learned from the Word of God as well as that which God has taught them in their own lives.

-How should we teach the younger women of the church?

Let's read Titus 2:4-5

4-Then [the older women] can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children,

5-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.

-What is one of the main works of the older women in the church?

-To teach the younger women.

-The older women are to teach the younger women to love their husbands and children as well as to be self-controlled, pure, busy at home, kind, and subject to their husbands.

-When should the older women teach the younger women?

-Throughout the day when they are working or visiting or on their way to market.

-The older women should teach the younger women to love their husbands.

-To love someone else is to serve them.

-Before Christ was crucified, He showed His disciples His love for them by serving them, and washing their feet (Jn 13).

-The greatest example of love, of course, is Christ's death on the cross when He served all people by dying for us.

-While some husbands may be difficult to love, their wives serve the Lord Jesus when they serve their husbands.

-Even if a husband is not grateful for the service of his wife, the Lord Jesus is grateful when a wife serves her husband.

-It is when a wife serves her husband that the heart of the husband can be changed to love his wife.

-The older women should teach the younger women to love their children.

-What is the best way for a mother to love her children?

-To teach them about God.

-If a mother does not teach her children about God, she is not doing her greatest work.

-The older women should teach the younger women to be self controlled.

-Younger women need to learn not to be foolish about life.

-It is easy for younger women to be foolish and to waste

their lives by doing that which helps no one.

-The older women should teach the younger women to be pure.

-To be pure means to not live in sexual sin.

-Younger women need to learn how to live a pure life without sin as there are many temptations in life.

-The older women should teach the younger women to be busy at home.

-What does it mean for women to be busy at home?

-Does it mean that women should not visit their friends?

-No.

-It is good to visit friends and to share the Word of God.

-Younger women, however, should not waste time visiting others when their family needs them at home.

-These days, more and more younger women are leaving their homes to work outside of the home.

-Little children need their mother, and if the mother is not at home, the children will suffer.

-As we learned earlier, the greatest work of a mother is to teach her children about God, and if the mother is not at

home with the children, this does not happen.

-The older women should teach the younger women to be kind.

-To be kind is to be like God Himself.

-Jesus said this in Luke 6:35:

-“[God] is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.”

-As it is the kindness of God that leads people to repent, the kindness of women can also help to bring people to repent (Ro 2:4).

-The older women should teach the younger women to be subject to their husbands.

-As we learn in Ephesians, the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church (5:23).

-When women are subject to their husbands, they are completely in the will of God.

-When women are subject to their husbands, God is very pleased with them.

-The Word of God says that younger women should be taught so that no one will malign the Word of God.

-What does it mean that younger women and all Christians should be taught so that no one will malign the

Word of God?

-When Christians are not taught and disobey God by sinning, the rest of the world will see our sins and think that God and His Word have no power in our lives.

-The evil that Christians say and do dishonors God and His Word.

-The good that Christians do not say and do not do also dishonors God and His Word.

-People who are not Christians judge God according to what Christians do or do not do.

-If we do not allow Christ in us to show Himself to the rest of the world, then the world will see our sin and not want to believe in God.

-If, however, we allow Christ in us to show Himself to the rest of the world, then the world will see Christ, and may want to believe in Him.

-How should we teach the younger men of the church?

Let's read Titus 2:6

6-Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled.

-In the previous verses, we read that the older men and

women should be self controlled.

-Now, we read that the younger men should also be self controlled.

-All Christians should be self controlled.

-Why is self control important?

-Because without self control, our lives will get out of control.

-No self control is like a man who drinks too much alcohol, and goes and kills another man.

-Why does the Word of God talk about self control when no one except for God is more powerful than sin?

-This is because self-control is one of the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Ga 5:22).

-How do we gain self control?

-When we allow God the Holy Spirit to have control of our lives.

-Then, it is God the Holy Spirit who gives us self control so that we can choose not to sin.