

Making An Impact – Part 3

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I. Instructions to older men. (Titus 2:2)

- A. This is not necessarily chronological age.
- B. Time is always essential to maturity.
- C. The best way to mature is by responding obediently to the Word of God.
- D. Six characteristics of a spiritually mature man.
 - 1. They are temperate.
 - a. This is balance.
 - b. Whenever you react to anything, there is a danger of moving to another extreme.
 - 2. They are worthy of respect.
 - a. Are you making it easier or harder for your children to honor you?
 - b. The greatest component of leadership is respect.
 - 3. They are self-controlled.
 - a. This is being willing to forfeit immediate gratification for ultimate results.
 - b. One only wins a race at the end. (1 Corinthians 9:24)
 - c. When you lose sight of the goals, you concentrate on the motions.
 - 4. They are sound in faith.
 - a. This is being a man of conviction.
 - b. He knows what to love and what to hate.
 - 5. They are sound in love.
 - a. This is being a man of compassion.
 - b. It is a good idea to pray that God will keep you from becoming cynical in one's old age.
 - 6. They are sound in endurance.

- a. This is being a man of commitment.
- b. It is a military term meaning to hold up courageously under fire.

II. Instructions to older women. (Titus 2:3-5)

A. Four characteristics an older woman should have. (Titus 2:3)

1. They should be reverent.
 - a. This is not pious mush.
 - b. This means consistency.
 - c. Contrast this with Titus 1:16 and false teachers who are inconsistent between what they teach and practice.
2. They are not slanderers.
 - a. They are not gossipers.
 - b. The highest mark of spiritual ability is to control tongue. (James 3:2)
 - c. The ability to control the tongue is proof positive that the spiritual is working in your life.
3. They are not addicted to much wine.
 - a. This relates to what goes into your mouth.
 - b. The number one drug problem is alcohol.
4. They must teach what is good.
 - a. Even if you didn't raise your own children well, hopefully you have gained wisdom to pass on.
 - b. Younger mothers need mentors.

B. The one responsibility an older woman has is to train the younger women. (Titus 2:4-5)

1. Paul never tells Titus to train the younger women.
2. This is exclusively the job of older women.
 - a. They are to train the young women to love their husbands. (Titus 2:4)
 - b. They are to train the young women to love their children. (Titus 2:4)
 - c. They are to train the young women to be self-controlled. (Titus 2:5)

d. They are to train the young women to be pure. (Titus 2:5)

1) This is marital and moral fidelity.

2) This is crucial in a pagan culture.

e. They are to train the young women to be busy at home. (Titus 2:5)

1) The issue is priorities.

2) This does not mean a woman cannot work outside the home.
(Proverbs 31)

f. They are to train the young women to be kind. (Titus 2:5)

1) This is the same word from which we get excellence.

2) This is a quality of life.

g. They are to train the young women to be submissive. (Titus 2:5)

1) This is not the exclusive responsibility of the wife.

2) This is to be the lifestyle of every believer.

III. Instructions to young men: self-control. (Titus 2:6-8)

A. This is discipline in the Christian life.

B. You exemplify your Christianity by the quality of your life.

1. By your integrity: do you practice what you preach? (Titus 2:7)

2. By your seriousness: are you a person of purpose who earns the right to be heard?
(Titus 2:7)

3. By your soundness of speech: are you not be condemned by what you say? (Titus 2:8)