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Titus 2:1-5

FaithFULL Families – Seniors

What is the purpose and meaning of life?

To **glorify** God and **enjoy** Him forever.

How will I know what that is?

By the **Word of God**.

¹ But as for you, speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine. ² Older men are to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in perseverance. ³ Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, ⁴ so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, ⁵ to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.

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...yet for love's sake I rather appeal to you—since I am such a person as Paul, the aged, and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus—

Philemon 9

“While our young people are the future of the church, our seniors are the foundation of the church.”

¹⁰ For there are many rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, ¹¹ who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not *teach* for the sake of sordid gain. ¹² One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, “Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.” ¹³ This testimony is true. For this reason reprove them severely so that they may be sound in the faith, ¹⁴ not paying attention to Jewish myths and commandments of men who turn away from the truth. ¹⁵ To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled. ¹⁶ They profess to know God, but by *their* deeds they deny *Him*, being detestable and disobedient and worthless for any good deed. Titus 1:10-16

The characteristics of the older men: (vs.2)

A) Behavior

- 1) **Temperate** – moderate
- 2) **Dignified** – worthy of respect
- 3) **Sensible** – discernment and discretion.

B) Spirituality

Sound in:

- 1) **Faith**
- 2) **Love**
- 3) **Hope**

¹³ But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13

¹⁷ So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit... Ephesians 5:17-18

¹³ At the same time they also learn to be idle, as they go around from house to house; and not merely idle, but also gossips and busybodies, talking about things not proper to mention. I Timothy 5:13

The contrast of the older woman: (vs 3-5)

Paul describes two **approaches** to life:

- A) Personal **indulgence**.
- B) Spiritual **fulfillment**.

There are two words given for teaching: (vs 3-4)

- 1) kalodidaskalos – **didactic**
- 2) sophronizo – **encourage** and **train**.

¹ Do not sharply rebuke an older man, but *rather* appeal to *him* as a father, *to* the younger men as brothers, ² the older women as mothers, *and* the younger women as sisters, in all purity. I Timothy 5:1-2

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