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GOD'S PLAN FOR TRAINING YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN

Titus 2:1-6

- I. BECOMING A GODLY MAN OR WOMAN HAPPENS INTENTIONALLY AND NOT ACCIDENTALLY. (2:4)**
 - a. Becoming a godly man or woman requires education and exhortation.
 - b. Becoming a godly man or woman requires effort.

- II. CONSIDER THE HELP GOD HAS GIVEN YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHO WANT TO LIVE FOR HIS GLORY AND THE GOOD OF OTHERS. (2:1, 3, 11-15)**
 - a. God's guides: Elders who teach what is in accord with sound doctrine (2:1, 15)
 - b. God's guys and gals: Mature men and women who mentor others (2:2-3)
 - c. God's grace: His grace brings salvation and trains us (2:11-14)

- III. WHAT SHOULD YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN LOOK FOR IN A MENTOR? (2:2-3)**
 - a. Someone who is older/more mature
 - b. For the men: Someone who is sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness.
 - c. For the women: Someone who is reverent in behavior, not a slanderer, not a slave to alcohol (or anything else but Christ). Someone who teaches what is good.
 - d. A word to the "older (more mature) men and women"
 - i. Older does not mean less useful.
 - ii. Be thankful for every year you've been given and the stages of life through which the Lord has brought you.
 - iii. You are here because the Lord still has a purpose for you – your work is not finished yet.
 - iv. This is His will (It's in His Word).
 - v. Don't be afraid.
 - vi. Be intentional – seek out younger men and women whom you can help.

- e. A word for all of us
 - i. Discipleship is not a program but a culture/way of life.
 - ii. Discipling should be a mind-set of spiritual intentionality that flows into all manners of friendships. (Dever and Dunlop)
 - iii. Younger men and women – If older men and women are not seeking you out, then you seek them out – invite them for coffee or a meal and bring a notepad full of questions.
 - iv. A Titus 2 culture will never flourish in a “I just give Jesus Sundays” church.
 - 1. If church membership is just about showing up on Sunday, then a lot of “one another” responsibilities will be neglected during the week.
 - 2. Church membership is less about me and more about us. We are called not just to be served but to serve others and help them grow in Christ.

IV. HOW DOES GOD DESCRIBE GODLY WOMEN AND MEN? (2:4-6)

- a. Godly ladies who are being trained:
 - i. To love her husband and children (if she has these)
 - ii. To be self-controlled
 - iii. To be pure
 - iv. To be working at home
 - v. To be kind
 - vi. To be submissive to her husband (if she has one)
- b. Godly men who are self-controlled

V. WHY IS OUR LIVING OF TITUS 2 SO IMPORTANT? (2:5)

- a. It's His will. This is what He wants. We should seek to obey because IT'S GOD'S PLAN FOR HIS CHURCH.
- b. So the Word of God will not be reviled
 - i. Campbell: What is at stake here is the reputation of our Christianity, our gospel, our Savior. It is absolutely true that God's way is always the best way. The young woman who heeds these instructions will find it to be in her own, her husband's, and her children's highest interests. But the thing that is uppermost in Paul's mind is the public image of our faith. Where there is a failure to adopt this godly lifestyle, people will make it an excuse for maligning the word of God.
 - ii. MacArthur: The world judges the gospel by the character of the people who believe and claim to be transformed by it.

VI. HOW CAN WE LIVE TITUS 2?

- a. Who do you know that produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control?
- b. Willingness and Intentionality
- c. His grace – 2:12
- d. His strength being made perfect in our weakness - 2 Corinthians 12
 - i. Christ's grace and strength are yours and they are yours on your worst day and not just your best one! They are yours every day.
 - ii. Christ's strength is made perfect not in your strength but in your weakness.
 - iii. God's grace is sufficient now and always:
 - 1. Spurgeon: At this moment, and at all moments which shall ever occur between now and glory, the grace of God will be sufficient for you. This sufficiency is declared without any limiting words, and therefore I understand the passage to mean that the grace of our Lord Jesus is sufficient to uphold thee, sufficient to strengthen thee, sufficient to comfort thee, sufficient to make thy trouble useful to thee, sufficient to enable thee to triumph over it, sufficient to bring thee out of it, sufficient to bring thee out of ten thousand like it, sufficient to bring thee home to heaven.
 - iv. We don't need good men and women; we need gospel men and women.
 - v. We don't need perfect men and women we need progressing men and women.
 - vi. We need mentors who show us what it means to run to Christ, to rest in Christ, and to rely on Christ.