

“Attract the World”

Titus 2:4-15

Series: “I Love My Church” (Study of Titus)

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INTRODUCTION:

Today we continue our study of the book of Titus, which we’ve referred to as “God’s church growth manual.” We love our church and want it to continue to be a great church that is accomplishing God’s mission.

This week we see characteristic number six:

A healthy church *attracts the world to Christ.*

To be a great church, every member must intentionally live in such a way that we attract the world to our faith in Jesus Christ. Our *message* is often repulsive to a rebellious world. But our *lifestyle* should be so Christ-like that they can’t help but be drawn. Three times in Titus chapter 2, Paul insinuates that our holy living should attract the world to Christ. (Look for the phrase “so that.”)

[Tit 2:1-15 NIV] 1 You, however, must teach what is appropriate to sound doctrine. 2 Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance.

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. 4 Then they 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.

6 Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled. 7 In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness 8 and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.

9 Teach slaves to be subject to their masters in everything, to try to please them, not to talk back to them, 10 and not to steal from them, but to show that they can be fully trusted, so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive.

11 For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. 12 It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, 13 while we wait for the blessed hope--the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

15 These, then, are the things you should teach. Encourage and rebuke with all authority. Do not let anyone despise you.

SIX GROUPS ADDRESSED IN TITUS 2

- older men
- older women
- younger women
- young men
- Titus (we will apply to pastors and teachers)
- slaves (we will apply to employees)

Last week we covered the first two, this week we'll cover 2 more:
Young women and young men.

I. YOUNG WOMEN

[Tit 2:4-5 NIV] 4 Then they [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.

CHARACTERISTICS OF A HOLY YOUNG WOMAN

- Loves her husband and children
- Self-controlled
- Pure
- Busy at home

- Kind
- Subject to her husband

OLDER WOMEN, AS YOU TRAIN YOUNGER WOMEN:

1. *Urge them to only apply this to marriage not all men.*
2. *Urge them this is a way to be like Jesus.*
3. *Urge them to expect their husbands to be Christ-like (and not accept or enable bad behavior.)*

See expectation of husbands: Eph. 5:25-33

Note Jesus' words to all Christian leaders including husbands:

[Mat 20:25-28 NIV] Jesus said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 26 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever wants to be first must be your slave-- 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

4. *Urge them to consider the benefits of submitting.*
 - Best way to encourage your man to be holy.
 - Best environment for children to follow Christ ("so no one maligns...").
 - A witness to the world of the church's love for Christ.
 - Helps you grow in holiness and Christ-likeness.

II. YOUNG MEN

[Tit 2:6 NIV] 6 Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled.

IS A YOUNG MAN SELF-CONTROLLED?

- Does he control his temper?
- Does he control his sexual desires?
- Does he control his money?
- Does he control his time?
- Does he control his mouth?
- Does he control his physical appetites?
- Does he control his ego?

[Psa 119:9-11 ESV] 9 How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. 10 With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! 11 I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

CONCLUSION:

This is challenging! But notice what compels us: God's grace!

[Tit 2:11-13 NIV] 11 For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. 12 It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, 13 while we wait for the blessed hope--the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ...

In the past, we swallowed the poisoned drink of sin. But God saved us by the antidote of Christ's blood. We are saved from sin and guilt and shame. Why would we drink of sin again? His grace compels us to live for him...

"...who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good."

Amazing grace!