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The Method of Discipleship
Titus 2:1-8
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Discipleship: training in Christ-likeness.

I. BUT AS FOR YOU...

- We must preach a healthy doctrine (Titus 1:10-16; 2 Tim. 4:1-5).
- Healthy doctrine must be combined with healthy living.
Good discipleship is not just taught, it is modeled (vss. 5, 7-8; Matt. 5:16; Acts 9:36; Eph. 2:10; James 3:13).

II. CHRISTIAN DUTY (ETHOS & LOGOS)

- Older men's ethics: sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled.
- Older men's doctrine: sound, filled with love, steady.
- Older women's ethics: reverent, not slanderous, sober.
- Older women's doctrine: good teaching to young women.
- Young men: demonstrate self-control.
- A Christian leader's ethics: a model of good works.
- A Christian leader's doctrine: pure, dignified and sound.
- When our detractors have nothing genuinely bad to attribute to us, it leaves room for the gospel to be heard (John 8:46; Titus 2:10; 1 Peter 3:1-2).

III. EVEN THE SWEETEST EARTHLY TIE

- When we live out our faith, we can proclaim the gospel.
- Following Jesus touches all of our life (Col. 3:3, 17; Gal. 2:20; 1 John 3:18).
- Ask God to give you a desire to place your relationship with him above all things. Everything then falls naturally into place.

KNOW: Discipleship looks like something; it doesn't just sound like something.

DO: Live in such a way as to be a model for discipleship.

Suggested Reading:

The Practice of the Presence of God, by Brother Lawrence
The Pursuit of God, by A.W. Tozer
Edges of His Ways, by Amy Carmichael

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please read Titus 2:1-8

1. What is the correlation between sound doctrine and discipleship? Can one disciple with unsound doctrine?
2. Why, do you think, does the Bible stress generational guidance and teaching so strongly? How do we as believers act that out in a cultural climate that teaches that youthfulness is the primary source of wisdom and joy in life?
3. We talked some Sunday about faith and good works. How do they go together in a vital Christian faith?
4. Is it a reasonable expectation for us to ask young Christian men (or women, for that matter) to be self-controlled in our culture today?
5. When Paul says in vs. 8 "that an opponent may be put to shame," what does he mean?
6. Based on our passage, how might you sum up what good discipleship looks like?