

ROOTED: *Being and Making Disciples*

The Method of Discipleship
Titus 2:1-8
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But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine.
- Titus 2:1

I. GETTING OUR DOCTRINE RIGHT

- Teaching a healthy doctrine is the foundation to healthy discipleship (Rom. 1:2-6; 1 Cor. 15:3-11; Gal. 1:6-9, 2:15-21; 2 Tim. 2:8; Titus 3:3-7).

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 younger 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 evil to attribute to us, we cannot be justly condemned (John 8:46; Titus 2:10; 1 Peter 3:1-2).

III. EVEN THE SWEETEST EARTHLY TIE

- When we live out our faith, it opens avenues for the gospel (1 Peter 3:15-17).
- Following Jesus touches all of our life (Col. 3:3, 17; Gal. 2:20; 1 John 3:18).
- Ask God to work in you a desire to place your relationship with him above all things. Everything falls naturally into place (Phil. 3:12-16).

KNOW: Discipleship is something real. Something concrete. It is not simply about words, but about truth and action combined.

DO: Pursue a life that becomes a model for discipleship.

Suggested Reading:

The Pursuit of God by A.W. Tozer (LifePoint Library #248.4 TOZ).

The Gospel of Jesus Christ by Paul Washer (LifePoint Library #234 WAL.
También disponible en español.)

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 well 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?