

A CHURCH WAS A CHURCH WAS A CHURCH



NO LONGER THE CASE

Seeker Sensitive

Emergent

Socialist

Cowboy

Dink

Yuppy

Casual

Generation X

Millennial

Boomers

Busters

Retirees

DANGER OF FALSE TEACHERS

Paul's strategy includes qualified Elders but also multi-generational impact in order to bring maturity to the flock.

WARREN WIERSBE



“What germs are to the physical body, false teaching is to the spiritual body, the church.”



“Sound Doctrine” (1:9)

“Sound In The Faith” (1:13)

“Sound Doctrine” (2:1)

“Sound In Faith” (2:2)

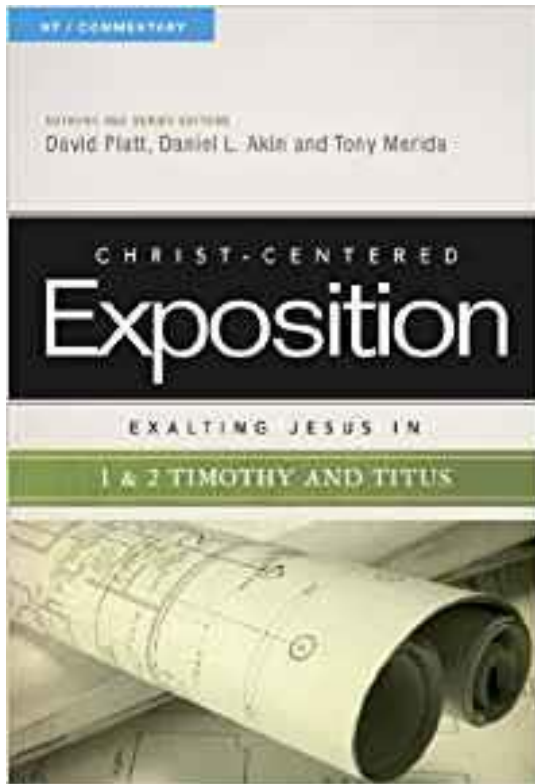
TITUS 2:1-2; 6-8

Mentor's Role

Seniors' Responsibilities

Juniors' Response

“BUT”



“We live in a culture that is drowning in gender confusion. The lines have become blurred, and we are groping about...”

I. THE MENTOR'S ROLE

A. Exposition (1)

Titus 1:16 & 2:15; II Timothy 4:2; & Ephesians 4:11-13

B. Exhortation (6a)

C. Example (7) I Peter 5:3

II. THE SENIORS' RESPONSIBILITIES (2)

“Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness.”

Job 12:12; Psalm 92:12-15; & II Timothy 2:2

CHARACTERISTICS

- A. Sober-Minded: Level-Headed; Not Indulgent**
- B. Dignified: Honor; Revered; August**
- C. Self-Controlled: Disciplined; Curbs Impulses**
- D. Sound In Faith: Fidelity And Conviction To Truth**
- E. In Love: Good Will And Affection To Others**
- F. Steadfastness: Constancy; Perseverance**

III. THE JUNIORS' RESPONSES (6-8)

“Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled. Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.”

“What a real man needs is another man to talk and reinforce his maleness and help him be a better husband. Without such a friend, men risk reverting to a mother-child relationship with a spouse. Men become helpless and insecure and increasingly revert to the classic overgrown kid who expects to be mothered. Men have few positive role models” (Dr. Peter Karl – April 23, 2000).

ECCLIESIASTES 11:9-10

“Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Walk in the ways of your heart and the sight of your eyes. But know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment. Remove vexation from your heart, and put away pain from your body, for youth and the dawn of life are vanity.”

ECCLIESIASTES 12:1

“Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, “I have no pleasure in them.”

THE REASONS

Men: “So that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.”

Women: “That the word of God may not be reviled.”

MULTI-GENERATIONAL WISDOM

Edification of the saints leads to evangelism of sinners. All generations of believers need to set an “example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity” (1 Timothy 4:12).

THE TITUS MODEL FOR MEN

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**Iron sharpens iron,
and one man
sharpens another.**

PROVERBS 27:17 (ESV)

