

Why we are Generational

Fellowship to Raise up the Next Generation

This week we will focus on “Fellowship to Raise up the Next Generation”.

Titus 2:1-8

But you are to proclaim things consistent with sound teaching. ²Older men are to be self-controlled, worthy of respect, sensible, and sound in faith, love, and endurance. ³In the same way, older women are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not slaves to excessive drinking. They are to teach what is good, ⁴so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands and to love their children, ⁵to be self-controlled, pure, workers at home, kind, and in submission to their husbands, so that God’s word will not be slandered. ⁶In the same way, encourage the young men to be self-controlled ⁷in everything. Make yourself an example of good works with integrity and dignity in your teaching. ⁸Your message is to be sound beyond reproach, so that any opponent will be ashamed, because he doesn’t have anything bad to say about us.

Generational Teaching Relationships

Older Men

- (character) Self-controlled, Worthy of respect, Sensible, Sound in faith, Sound in love, Sound in endurance
- Encourage young men... (who to be and how to encourage)
 - o (who) TO BE Self-controlled, (how) BE an example for them of integrity and dignity, (how) TEACH messages that are sound beyond reproach.

Older Women

- (character) Reverent in behavior, Not slanderers, Not slaves to excessive drinking
- Teach what is good to younger women... (to do what and to be what)
 - o (do) LOVE their husbands, (do) LOVE their children, (be) Self-controlled, (be) Pure, (be) Workers at home, (be) Kind, (be) submissive to husbands.

Why is it important to teach the younger generation?

1. So, the Word of God will not be slandered.
2. So that opponents may be ashamed, with nothing bad to say about us.

Throughout human history we have seen the consequences of a generation not teaching the next generation the Word of God. Judges 3:23. Judges 4:1. Judges 6:1. Judges 17:6. Judges 21:25.

Too often we quickly set aside the Word of God for personal preference and human wisdom. We have to learn how to trust that God’s Word is greater than our understanding and the wisdom of man. Man’s wisdom would have told Abraham to stay in Ur. Man’s wisdom would have told Paul not to return to the places he was imprisoned. Isaiah 55:8-9.

Discussion Questions

- ❖ Men...what characteristics of the “older men” list challenge you the most? What are some things you can do this week to improve in those areas?
- ❖ Women...what characteristic of the “older women” list challenge you the most? What are some things you can do this week to improve in those areas?
- ❖ Why is it so important to model and teach a Christ-like lifestyle to the next generation?

Self-Evaluation

Galatians 5:19-26

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, moral impurity, promiscuity, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambitions, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and anything similar. I am warning you about these things—as I warned you before—that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. The law is not against such things. ²⁴ Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

The fruit of the Spirit should describe our attitudes and actions. As we walk by the Spirit this “fruit” will be present in our lives. The more we walk in the Spirit the more we can lead others to walk in the Spirit.

There is no excuse a believer can give to justify not walking in the Spirit and not producing the fruit of the Spirit. How are you designing your life to walk in the Spirit? For example:

- Who are you surrounding yourself with?
- How do you spend your time?
- What is your calling within the body of Christ and how are you fulfilling that calling?
- What are your goals?

Ephesians 5:15-21 (CSB)

¹⁵ Pay careful attention, then, to how you walk—not as unwise people but as wise— ¹⁶ making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ So don’t be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. ¹⁸ And don’t get drunk with wine, which leads to reckless living, but be filled by the Spirit: ¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making music with your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ giving thanks always for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another in the fear of Christ.

Discussion Questions:

- ❖ Do you have the right friends, do you spend your time wisely, have you fulfilled your calling within the body of Christ and have you set goals? If not...what is holding you back?
- ❖ Are there things in your life that are keeping you from fully living a life for God’s glory?
- ❖ What is it important to remember that the little things add up to big things later?
- ❖ How do you plan on making the most of your time this week?