

## Father's Day 2023

### Titus 2:1-2, 6-8

Is there a connection that ties weak churches to a weakened country?

*If we are going to win the world to Jesus, the world will have to see what redeemed men/people look like.*

#### Paul's Word to Titus

Paul told Titus that for the church to reflect Jesus, he had to be committed \_\_\_\_\_ teaching. The word here occurs 9x in the pastoral epistles. It means healthy and always occurs in the context of truth that produces spiritual well-being.

#### Paul's Word to Older Men

For one thing, the word for older pertains to men that are \_\_\_\_\_ 60. He calls for men to be sober-minded. Literally, it means "not drunken." However, Paul probably wants the term to be taken metaphorically. So, it means \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_. Older men tend to have a wisdom about them from life experiences.

He also refers to another character trait: \_\_\_\_\_. These older men are not \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_. There is a seriousness about them when there needs to be because life can be serious. Another trait, \_\_\_\_\_, is typically opposite to what is rampant in youth culture. They also are healthy in \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Paul's Word to Younger Men

The men Paul refers to here are \_\_\_\_\_. Paul's command to Titus is to exhort, encourage, the younger men to get control of themselves in all things.

Younger men can have trouble with \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

So, Paul calls Titus to be an example, a type for these young men. He anticipates that the older men in a congregation can provide that spiritual example as well.

That word, example, means to strike a blow so someone else can see what is left. This example should include:

Speech

Conduct

Love

Faith

Purity

The effect of lives well lived will result in.....

*If Emory Church Byhalia is to win the world, Watson, to Christ, then the world, Watson must see what redeemed people look like.*