



Serving One Another in the Body of Christ

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TODAY'S READING: Titus 2

In yesterday's reading we talked about the expectations and responsibilities of leaders in the Church. Today Paul focuses on people and their roles and responsibilities. In the reading, I thought about our church, having the two services with two differing groups of congregants. Nothing is wrong with that. However, with this division it would be extremely hard for people to heed Paul's encouragement, *"the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things—that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands"* (Titus 2:3-5 NKJV).

Do we see this level of love being exercised between people groups. Older women mentoring younger women? I realize that some of this is happening, but is it widespread? If not, why? Think about it. How many young women with children could benefit from mature ladies who have walked in their shoes and lived to tell the tale?

This same concept goes for older men discipling younger men. They too can benefit from the mature brothers in the congregation, *"that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience; Likewise, exhort the young men to be sober-minded, in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you"* (Titus 2:2,6-8 NKJV).

Each one of us has a responsibility to ensure the next generation of followers of Christ are given every opportunity to grow into spiritual maturity as they engage with the ebb and flow of life. This is the main contention of Paul's writing; it takes all of us working together for the cause of Christ. We must not let sin permeate the body of Christ. Therefore, walk alongside those who are the most vulnerable, as Paul encourages, and build them up in the faith. In doing so, we make disciples of those who have the ability to make disciples. This way, we all grow in godliness! I love the dramatic way Paul closes out this letter, *"teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ"* (Titus 2:12-13 NKJV).

Looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ!! My friends, let us walk in the manner by which we have been called, in a righteous and godly manner. Each one of us has a role to play and responsibilities in the kingdom of God!

PRAYER: Our Father in the heavens, we thank You for our time with You today. Thank You for helping us better understand how we can better serve You, by serving one another. Help us,

Lord, and guide us in all things Jesus! May we all continue to be transformed in His image. We ask this in His Holy name, amen.

TOMORROW'S READING: Titus 3

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