

Grace Group Discussion Guide

The Conduct of an Older Man

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Titus 2:2

Synopsis:

Paul zeros in on four qualities older men must exhibit...

1. Sober-minded
2. Dignified
3. Self-controlled
4. Sound in Practice
 - a. Faith
 - b. Love
 - c. Steadfastness

Questions:

Discussion:

1. Why does it seem that the culture desires to be young?
2. What does it mean that a man needs to be sober-minded? What would be some practical examples of being sober-minded?
3. What does it mean for a man to be dignified?
4. What does it mean for an older-man to be self-controlled? What are some areas of life that are often overlooked when it comes to being self-controlled?
5. An older man is to be sound in practice, what is a helpful synonym for the word, "sound," that can help us understand the verse?
6. What comes to your mind when you think of a man who is sound in faith?
7. How should the love of an older man be displayed?
8. How is an older-man to weather the storms of life?
9. Why do churches need men with this character and motivation?
10. How can young men strive to cultivate these qualities?
11. Why is it important for ladies (wives, singles, moms) to understand these four qualities that God calls a man to?

Prayer Suggestion:

Teen Challenge

For several years now GCV has been involved in teaching God's Word at Teen Challenge in Reedley, CA. Teen Challenge is a Christ-centered restoration program helping men overcome drug and alcohol addiction. Those who come to Teen Challenge live on the campus for a one-year program designed to address their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs as they work to overcome addiction. Teen Challenge is a missional movement that unashamedly follows Christ, embraces servant leadership, and shares transforming grace. We praise God that many of the students who come to Teen Challenge come to saving faith in Christ, and many others enter into ministry after graduation. Several of the students as well as some of the Teen Challenge staff are

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actively involved in the life of GCV. The Lord is truly at work in the lives of those who come to Teen Challenge. We also praise God that Grace Church of the Valley has been given the opportunity to provide teachers on Sunday nights for the chapel service at Teen Challenge. It is a blessing for each of the men who teach on Sunday nights as they share the Word of God with the students there.

There are several ways that you can pray for this ministry:

- GCV has a group of men that teach as well as come for support and encouragement to the students during their chapel service each Sunday night. Please pray for teachers as they preach the Word of God on Sunday nights.

- Pray for the staff at Teen Challenge as the lead by example, serve the students, pour into the lives of those who are overcoming addictions, and share the love of Christ.

- Pray for the men who are going through the program at Teen Challenge. Pray that they are surrendered to Christ, and that those who are not saved come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus. Pray for their strength and endurance to continue in the program, even when it is difficult. Pray also for the families of the students who are at Teen Challenge.