

Magnolia Missionary Baptist Church of Beaumont

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The Epistle of Paul to Titus

Titus—*Believer, Servant, Partner—Fellow-worker, a Leader* to **The Church of GOD** in Crete...

Titus 2: 6-8... The Behavior of Young Men. Remember Titus is a *Young Man* at this time, so Paul uses him as an *example* of what *Young Men* in **The Church** ought to be.

The *focus* of Chapter 2, of Paul to Titus to **The Churches** of Crete, is “*Wholesome Teaching,*” on account of the “*False Teachers/Teachings,*” that had *wreaked havoc* on “*whole families,*” said (1: 11).

Question? What are some of such “*False Teachings*” that is *wreaking havoc* on our families today?

The Behavior of Young Men... note, only ‘*one*’ exhortation is given.

V. 6, “...exhort to be *sober minded.*” The Greek word is “*sophroneo,*” that is temperate, controlled, disciplined, restrained; able to curb his emotions, passions, and desires.

To have a mind that is sound, sensible, and focused upon pure and clean thoughts and meaningful things. To control his mind and life and keep them focused upon “*godly purpose,*” fulfilling the significance of life. It means to control everything in life.

Three reasons why this is critical...

1. Young Men bodies become *more and more* sexually driven as they move to middle age.

Attraction and passion increase. This is normal and natural—**GOD’S** way of causing *Young Men* and *Women* to become *attracted* to each other, for *reproduction*. More so, for “*exhortation.*” Of **GOD**, *Family*, *The Church*, *Communities* and **The KINGdom of GOD!**

2. Young Men are discovering themselves and searching for and finding their place in society.

--*Decisions* like “*leaving home.*” Taking the responsibilities of taking care of themselves and perhaps a *Family* of his own.

--*Decision* of a *Personal Relationship with GOD through JESUS CHRIST* and **The Church**.

--*Decision* of *Employment* or *Profession*: what work to do in *Life*.

--*Decision* of “*Marriage.*” Who and when to *Marry* and take on a *Family*?

--*Decision* of “*finding their place in the world.* Should I “*stay in line and wait to get to the window*” or “*should I go from one thing to another, until I find my nitch?*”

This urge to attack, run over, bypass, neglect, ignore, and abuse people in order to move ahead must be controlled.

This urge to back off, fall into line, go along, and compromise must be controlled.

3. Young Men are full of “*vision*” and “*dreams.*” But they lack “*experience.*” The result is that they often become ‘*reckless*’ and *inconsiderate* and *unfeeling*. And they often make *mis-takes*. This is the reason for this charge: *Young Men* must be *adventuresome* and must pursue their “*dreams*” with all the energy they have, but they must be “*sober-minded,*” **Spirit**-controlled, and disciplined as they move forward in *Life*.

Read, I Thessalonians 5: 6; Titus 2: 12, 13; I Peter 1: 13; 4: 7.

Vss. 7-8. Young Men as Ministers and Teachers in The Church. Questions?

What are *Young Ministers*, and *Teachers* of **The Church** should be like in the world?

How are they to behave? Five traits...

1. Young Ministers and Teachers are to be a Pattern of Good (GOD) Works.

--Pattern (*tupos*) meaning, to make an *impression* with a dye, to mold or form, to strike an *impression*.

So, the *Young Minister* and *Teacher* must be a “model” example of *Good (GOD)* works.

- *He* must live what he preaches
- *His* behavior must match his Teachings
- *His* life must not tear down what his words build up
- *His* deeds must show the light which he proclaims
- *His* example must be his first concern; his instructions must be his second concern

Read, Matthew 5: 13, 16; I Timothy 4: 12; James 5: 10; Hebrews 10: 24; I Peter 2: 12