



TITUS 2:1-8

AS YOU GO TO CHURCH...

Be deliberate about what you do when you get to church. It can be easy for us to think about after church plans or even be distracted by our own needs, but we can help ourselves when we are intentional about our experience at church.

Look for someone younger than you and invest your life in them (Titus 2:2-3).

The older you are the more important it is that you pass on the faith and the wisdom you have obtained to others. "Aged men" and "aged women" sure does sound old but you do not have to be retired to invest in younger. You only need to find someone younger or who is not as far along as you are in life and invest in them. Therefore, a middle aged person can help a younger person who is just getting started in their career or family. A younger person can aid a teen who is still in school, and a teen can aid a middle schooler and so on. All of us have someone younger we can pour our lives into. How do we do this? Spend time with them over coffee or a meal.

Look for someone older (or mature) than you and learn all you can (Titus 2:1-8).

On the other hand, we can look for someone that is older or further along than we are and learn from them. Kids already tend to do this by looking to those who are a year or two older. The key is that the older person be a model of

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the truths taught in Titus 2. A teen can look to someone who has become established in their career and maybe even beginning their family for guidance. It can be harder to make contact with those who are older, but most people will be receptive. Ask if you could have some time with them to get feedback on a resume, or your career. They will probably be glad to help.

Be intentional about passing on (Titus 2:4-5) and grasping sound doctrine (Titus 2:6-8).

Always we want to be on the lookout for ways to pass on our faith or grasp critical truths. In Titus 2 Paul mentions on three different occasions that we do this so that an unbelieving world will not have a reason to be critical of the Christian faith (Titus 2:5, 2:8, 2:15). Not only is it more enriching to be mentored and to mentor others as we go to church. It is also critical to healthy marriages, effective child rearing, and rewarding careers.

Let us be intentional as we go to church.

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