

“Distinguished Discipleship”

Titus 2:1-10

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VIDEO: “*Plan A*”

INTRO: Contextual Review

A. Titus

- a. Times
- b. Teammates
- c. Temperament
- d. Trouble
- e. Truth-in-Love

B. Chapter 1... Chapter 2... Chapter 3...

C. Key contextual verses:

- a. Before text = 1:5
- b. After text = 2:12
- c. See pattern:
 - i. 1:5 explained in 1:6-9
 - ii. 1:9 explained in 1:10-16
 - iii. 2:1 explained in 2:2-10

BIG IDEA:

The Church is ALL about Discipleship & Witness!

PREVIEW:

A. Discipleship DEMOGRAPHICS

a. Age:

1. Older-Adults
2. Average-Adults
3. Children

b. Gender:

1. Men
2. Women

c. Status:

1. Slaves
2. Free

B. Discipleship DYNAMICS

- a. **Elders...** to ALL
- b. **Men...** to men
- c. **Woman...** to women
- d. **Women...** to children
- e. **Slaves...** to masters (and visa versa)

T/S: We'll walk thru the text to see & unpack the rest

C. Discipleship DETAILS

D. DIVINE Disciples

E. DISTINGUISHED Discipleship

I. Discipleship DETAILS

- a. Common **Problem:** Liars
- b. Common **Enemy:** Lies / cultural sin
- c. Common **Goal:** God-honoring WITNESS
- d. Common **Means:** Biblical DISCIPLESHIP...

¹ *But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine.*

II. DIVINE Disciples

a. Older Men

² *Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness.*

i. Particulars:

- 1. Temperate (level-headed)

2. Dignified (worthy of respect)
3. Self-controlled (“holy” inside & out)
4. Healthy in Faith
5. Healthy in Love
6. Healthy in Perseverance/Endurance

ii. Portrait:

1. Look like Christ!
2. Live like Christ!
3. Love like Christ!

T/S: No more “gender blenders” – Men, its our job to teach the world what “real” godly, Christian men **REALLY** look & live like!

VIDEO: “Consecrated to Christ!”

b. Older Women

³ *Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good,*
⁴ *and so train the young women*

i. Particulars:

1. LIKEWISE...
2. Reverent in behavior... (Christ-like)
3. NOT “malicious gossips”
 - a. “DE-ab-ol-loss”
 - b. 3X in N.T. = “gossipers”
 - c. 35X = “Devil”
4. NOT addicted... (to much wine)
5. Teach what is good to young women:
 - a. Contrast the liars...
 - i. Cultural liars...
 - ii. Church liars...
 - b. Teach with “sound doctrines”
 - i. God’s Word
 - ii. God’s Worship
 - iii. God’s Will
 - iv. God’s Ways
 - v. God’s “Want-to’s”
 - c. Train the young women to love...

VIDEO: “Who Am I?”

ii. Portrait:

1. Look like Christ!
2. Live like Christ!
3. Love like Christ!

c. Younger Women

...train the young women to love their husbands and to love their children,⁵ to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands,

i. Particulars:

1. Learn to love your husband
2. Learn to love your children
3. Learn to be self-controlled
4. Learn to be pure/holy
5. Learn to be a home-maker
 - a. “Oy-koo-roos” (Oikos + Ouros)
 - b. “Family / Clan” + “GUARD”
6. Learn to be kind
7. Learn to be submissive to husband
 - a. Genesis 2: God-man-woman
 - b. Genesis 3: Devil-woman-man
 - c. No Devil in ch.2... No God in ch.3
 - d. Genesis 3:16 is origin of this sin!

ii. Portrait:

1. Look like Christ!
2. Live like Christ!
3. Love like Christ!

“so that the Word of God is not reviled”

d. Younger Men

⁶ Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled.

i. Particulars:

1. LIKEWISE...
2. “urged to live self-controlled”

ii. Portrait:

1. Look like Christ!
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3. Love like Christ!

e. Teachers/Elders

⁷ Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity,⁸ and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.

i. Particulars:

1. Show yourself (test yourself!)
2. Be a “model” / “good example”
3. Do good works! (Ephesians 2:10)
4. Teach with integrity
5. Teach with dignity
6. Teach with sound/healthy speech
7. Teach what cannot be condemned
8. Teach so that liars will be shamed!
9. Teach beyond reproach...
10. Teach... thinking about “US”

ii. Portrait:

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3. Love like Christ!

f. **Slaves/workers**

⁹ Slaves are to be submissive to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, ¹⁰ not stealing, but showing all good faith...

i. Particulars:

1. Submissive in everything!
2. Well-pleasing (good attitude!)
3. Not argumentative (be respectful)
4. NO stealing!
5. Demonstrating all faithfulness!

ii. Portrait:

1. Look like Christ!
2. Live like Christ!
3. Love like Christ!

so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.

- See the purpose of it ALL!
- “Adorn” = “put on” (Gk. “cosmetics”)

*Our witness IS wearing
the Word!* - JDP

VIDEO: ‘THE Master’s Plan’

III. DISTINGUISHED Discipleship

- a. Healthy, growing Christians...
 - b. Healthy, growing churches...
 - c. Healthy, growing Kingdom!

i. Ephesians 4:1-7 (Saints)

¹ *I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.* ⁴ *There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.* ⁷ *But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.*

*** See our BRIDGE Manifesto! ***



One FAITH. One FAMILY. One FOCUS.

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will BE My witnesses (locally, regionally, and globally).” – Acts 1:8

One Question: *WHAT DO YOU WANT?*

One Offer: *COME AND SEE.*

One Promise: *TRUTH IN LOVE!*

Our Truth-in-Love Distinctives: We are...

- 1.** Responding to grace & repenting of sin...
- 2.** Trusting the Bible & obeying God's Word...
- 3.** Growing in-Christ & living Spirit-led...
- 4.** Praying for guidance & following by faith...
- 5.** Dying to self & carrying our cross...
- 6.** BE-ing the Church & loving one another...(*truly loving* one another)
- 7.** Equipping the saints & exemplifying supernatural unity...
- 8.** Ministering as ambassadors & discerning matters shrewdly...
- 9.** Worshipping God vertically & experiencing Him horizontally...
- 10.** Proclaiming the Gospel (*no matter what*) & fishing for men...
- 11.** Making discipled-warriors & winning spiritual-warfare...
- 12.** Loving our King & serving His kingdom!

ii. Ephesians 4:11-16 (Structure)

¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

iii. Romans 15:4-7 (Sweetness)

⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through

endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus,⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.⁷ Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

*** See our BRIDGE Quilt ***

Let's Pray

Closing

VIDEO: “*Since God Chose YOU*”
(Colossians 3:12-15)