

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Living out the gospel with
one another in our homes

Sermon Notes – Jerry Shiver Titus 2:1-15

In chapter 2 of Titus, Paul moves on from his instruction to Titus concerning the qualifications for selecting Church Elders to the practical side of relationship among believers within the diverse body of Christ. Will breaks these down into three aspects of discipleship and mentoring relationships: Character Driven, Practical Help, and Gospel Centered.

Character driven: Within verses 2-10, Paul lists numerous characteristics that should be exemplified within the Church across all age groups and economic classes. Paul also explains the critical importance of demonstrating these character traits in providing a strong witness to an unbelieving world in verses 7-8 and in the latter parts of verses 5 and 10.

Practical help: Paul also provides examples in verses 2-10 for discipleship application in the form of teaching, training, and encouragement within the Church from the mature believer to the younger.

Gospel Centered: In verses 11-16 Paul summarizes the importance of protecting our witness for Christ by living godly lives to demonstrate “the Grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men”. He closes this chapter with instructions to teach the Church Family as he has outlined earlier.

Discussion Questions:

1. What framework (Verse 2:1) does Paul state up front as the basis of what follows? (Read Matt 28 19-20) Why is it important?
2. Based on Titus 2, Will stated that character matters (especially concerning Evangelism) and that relationships are built on character. What descriptive words does Paul use to describe godly character? Assuming you agree with Paul, how can we grow in these traits? How do or would you teach or pass on these to others?
3. Will stated that life experiences have a strong relationship to maturity – discuss the implications of this statement.

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4. What challenges does our present culture present to the godly character growth of believers today?
 5. Will said, just as character matters, so does “Doing life”. Paul focuses on a number of practical aspects of family life and interfacing with others in the world. Are we, as a church, enabling our members to share, and grow in the development of the kind of Christian character while “doing life” as Paul advocates? What do you think would be key points of “Sound Doctrine” to establish or improve that environment?
 6. Gospel is central to the Church’s family relationships. Read verses 11-14. What treasures do you find Paul placing in these 4 verses? What instructions does Paul close the chapter with in verse 15 and with what authority? What challenge does Paul leave Titus and each of us in the last sentence?