

CHURCH MATTERS: TITUS 2:1-10 “LEAD THEM THERE”

Living in Mexico Beach Florida not easy. Houses regularly flattened by hurricanes. One fam decided Max blueprint At every point, from pilings to roof, everything in between, above, beyond what was required. ONLY HOUSE. THINK. THE WAY THEY CHOSE TO BUILD SURVIVED. **WITNESS every1**

In a world of spiritual storms and societal confusion, God doesn't leave His people guessing; He gives us a divine blueprint.

CH1 gives what avoid – CH2 gives a blueprint of *what to cultivate*, a countercultural, multi-generational, grace-fueled church community.

MP: A good church is a gospel-shaped community where sound doctrine is embodied across generations, forming strong families and a compelling public witness.

Christianity isn't principles or propositions that are passed on; they are divine truths that are embodied through experience and taught to new generations.

- **TITUS WAS BUILDING IN TREACHEROUS TERRAIN:** False Teachers: Corrupting the faith of families: Corrupt Culture: Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons. “Crete’s culture prized deception and indulgence—like today, we face rampant individualism, relativism, and consumerism. Paul’s instructions weren’t just good advice; they were radically counter-cultural.”

SOUND DOCTRINE CULTIVATED IN THE CHURCH AND THE HOME

Sound Doctrine: Essential Biblical truths embodied bring spiritual health and life. **ALL US** Who God is and how we have a spiritually vibrant relationship with Him.

- CENTRALITY OF THE GOSPEL AND JESUS AS SAVIOR AND LORD (2:11-14)

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹²training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

- RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD THROUGH MERCY, NOT WORKS (3:4)

Titus 3:4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy.

- REGENERATION BY THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE HOPE OF HEAVEN

Titus 3:5 By the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

How and what you believe is the essence of a saving relationship with God.

John 8:31-32 So Jesus said to the Jews who had *believed* him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

- **BRINGS RELATIONSHIP WITH TRUTH - TRANSFORMATIONAL**

PRODUCES ROBUST FAITH FILLED FAMILIES AND INTERGENERATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP

NOT J ETHICS: REAL GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION EMPOWERED BY HOLY SPIRIT (PIC)

- **Older Men** (SPIRITUAL ANCHORS): Sober Minded, Dignified, Self-Controlled, Sound in faith – in love – in steadfastness. Wise, Respected, Controlled by Spirit
- **Older Women:** Reverent in behavior, not slanderers (diabolous. devils: Someone who **makes false and damaging statements** about another person with the intent to harm their reputation) or slaves to much wine. Teach what is good: train young Women
- **Young Women:** to love their husbands and children, be self-controlled, pure, working at home (not confined but it means managing the home), kind, submissive to their own husbands, to protect and honor God's word
- **Young Men:** Self-controlled, model of good works in everything, who integrity in teaching, dignity, sound speech uncondemnable to make you beyond accusation.

GOSPEL SHAPED FAITH FILLED FAMILIES

- A culture of faith is first formed in families. Fams Ground Zero for God's Work

P: How centralizing Christ and His gospel. Embodying sound doctrine raising children to love Jesus? Sacred Time. Serving Together. Prioritizing Community. Teach.

Regular family devotionals dramatically impact child spiritual growth. Teens raised in homes with regular devotionals are **71% more likely** to maintain personal faith after graduation

START NEW

GOSPEL SHAPED INTERGENERATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP

- Generations need. All older people (dying) / only young (depth and maturity)

Barna: Teens and young adults with close connections to older adults are more likely to stay engaged:

Twice as likely to commit long-term to the church **Three times as likely** to read their Bible, value church as weekly highlight, and grasp Scripture's metanarrative. Young Adults: **WE NEED U**

- **RELAY RACE RUN WITH EACH OTHER. THIS IS WHERE I AM AT..2gether**

Older Men: Connect with a young man share story over coffee.

Older Women: offer practical wisdom to young moms and start prayer relationship.

TRANSFORMATIONAL LIVING IS MISSIONAL WITNESS

The point of transformed lives isn't to create an insular community protected from the world, but a gospel witness to the power of Christ.

- In our postmodern society, people are more concerned about whether it works than if it's true. **The church and our families are God's display case.**

LET'S BUILD RIGHT SO CHURCH STANDS. FAMILIES STAND. LOST RCHD