

Biblical Manhood

Series: Fathers Day 2021

Text: Titus 2:1-2,6

Introduction: I want to lay some groundwork today for our text. Titus 1:5-16 we see Paul writing to Titus who had been with Paul on many journeys. He gives him two important truth in vs. 5 “**set in order what remains, appoint elders.**” Similar to 1 Timothy 3, these qualities were in place for men to be qualified shepherds of the flock.

- Above reproach, “*blameless, that to which cannot be called to account*”
- The husband of one wife, “*man of one woman*”
- Children who believe.
- Above reproach as God’s steward, there is a higher accountability to shepherding.
- Not self willed or self pleasing, if so, how can he shepherd if he thinks only of himself?
- Not quick tempered, not to be angered quickly or respond in anger
- Not addicted to wine, because of it’s dangers and one who bibs much cannot be thinking straight
- Not violent, pugnacious, or a striker
- Not greedy for money or fond of sordid gain
- Hospitable
- Loving what is good, i.e. the Word of God and it’s truth
- Sensible “*just or discreet*”
- Just “*to rule right*”
- Devout “*committed*”
- Self-control “*both in sexual lusts, morality, drink and food*”

Vs. 10-16 define the reason why **qualified, biblical leadership** is **essential** in the church to **produce godly, righteous followers** of Jesus.

Point 1 - Discipled Men. Older men are to have the **following traits** in order to **teach younger men, which all stems from godly leadership in the church.**

Sober (also temperate) “*to be free from influence, to recall one’s senses, it suggests the exercise of that self-restraint that governs all passions and desires, enabling the believer to be conformed to the mind of Christ*” and as we think of sober we think of thinking straight and not hindered.

Dignified, Reverent - This requirement is assumed to be towards God, and it is, but also refers to be honorable and dignified, which is to be sensible and spiritually healthy.

Sensible, Temperate “*moderate and prudent, one who governs well his passions and affections, so as not to be hurried away by them to any thing that is evil or indecent.*”

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Sound in **Faith** “constantly adhering to the truth of the gospel, not fond of novelties, nor ready to run into corrupt opinions or parties.” What we see happening in many churches today are leaders who are partial and promote ungodly positions like CRT, intersectionality and other false narratives that are a help to the gospel. There is no help to the gospel. It stands alone.

Sound in **doctrine** (vs. 1), in love and perseverance. The Greek word for sound literally means “healthy”. Healthy or sound in love means you practice the biblical mandate of love, what it means to love your neighbor and even your enemy. Healthy in doctrine, healthy in perseverance, because a believer may have to endure a lot in the walk of life under the sun.

Likewise **urge young men** to be **sensible** (vs. 6). This is mentioned again, as thus the importance in a time of evil and wickedness. Matthew Henry makes this comment about this “*They are apt to be eager and hot, thoughtless and precipitant; therefore they must be earnestly called upon and exhorted to be considerate, not rash; advisable and submissive, not willful and head-strong; humble and mild, not haughty and proud; for there are more young people ruined by pride than by any other sin. The young should be grave and solid in their deportment and manners, joining the seriousness of age with the liveliness and vigor of youth. This will make even those younger years to pass to good purpose, and yield matter of comfortable reflection when the evil days come; it will be preventive of much sin and sorrow, and lay the foundation for doing and enjoying much good.*”

In all things (vs. 7-8), be an **example** of **Christ** and **His work**, **study** and **be pure** in the **doctrines** of **God**, **dignified**, **sound in speech**, let your **mouth** **reflect** the **redemption** of your **heart**. Men will have enemies watching them.

Point 2 - The Biblical Man In Marriage. To the **not yet married man**, seek a spouse not the world’s dating game. The modern day dating today is like a **mini marriage with emotional break ups**. The culture says **don’t get married**, just **live together**, **act like you’re married** but without all the **legal stuff** that comes with **divorce**. **Even from the pulpit we hear degrading comments about marriage**. **Why is the church taking its cue on marriage from a culture that is wicked and immoral?** A biblical man (young or older) who desires to be **married** will **seek** a **wife** not a substitute for such.

What a biblical man looks like in a marriage. Vs. 22-23 describe the God ordained order of creation. **It’s not chauvinistic**. The culture hates this because it is a **direct attack** on the **feminist movement** which **describes** this **biblical truth** as **archaic, abusive and authoritarian**.

Vs. 24 - They are to **love their wives as Christ loved the church**. They are to love them with the same **unreserved**, **selfless**, and **sacrificial love** that **Christ** has for the **church**. Christ gave everything He had, including His own life, for the sake of the church, and that is the standard for a husband’s love for his wife.

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Vs. 26-27 - Sanctify, cleanse, holy, without blemish. This love is divine. The love of Christ purifies us, cleanses us and the love a man has for his wife is that she be pure by the Word of God. He is to be the leader in this. He is to lead his home biblically, establish the Word of God as the foundation for the home. He is to love her as he loves himself. In the end this brings about a great blessing to the home.

In conclusion today, I want to speak about marriage and why men (and women) should seek to be married, if that's their desire. **What is needed today to raise a godly generation is men who desire to be a godly man and a godly leader?** Even in churches I hear marriage degraded and talked about as if it's some kind of prison. A wife is a good thing. Proverbs 18:22 **"He who finds a wife finds a good thing, And obtains favor from the Lord."** **Men we should be teaching our sons** Proverbs 31, **"An excellent wife, who can find? For her worth is far above jewels."** Being a godly man, who loves Jesus first and foremost, should be the most attractive trait of a man.

Men should teach their sons about work and value. Proverbs 6:10-11 **"A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to rest. ¹¹Your poverty will come in like a vagabond, And your need like an armed man."** Furthermore, a godly man speaks with godly character, **"A worthless person, a wicked man, Is the one who walks with a perverse mouth."**

We should be teaching young men about character that is formed by the word of God not the world. Actions that are reflective of Christ, not the culture.

What starts out as qualified, godly leadership in the church, filters down to men teaching men biblical truth about life, family, faith and marriage.