

Sermon Based Discussion

Sermon Title: "Ordered Roles: Realize Your Role"

Sermon Series: Putting the Church in Order (The Book of Titus)

Sermon Text: Titus 2:1

OPENING QUESTION

1. If you had to list some of the most important teachings of the Christian faith, what might you include on that list?
2. Would roles based upon age and gender make that list of most important teachings? Why or why not?

INTO THE BIBLE (Read Titus 2:1-10)

3. Paul begins this section with a strong emphasis on teaching sound doctrine... and then he goes into roles based on age and gender. What does this tell us about roles?
4. Look up 1 Timothy 5:1-2. What does this passage say about how such roles inform Christian living?
5. What reasons does Paul give for living according to these roles?
6. What does Titus 2:16 tell us about the importance and accuracy of these teachings?

GOING DEEPER

7. How acceptable is it today that people's roles differ according to age? According to gender? Give some examples to illustrate your thoughts.
8. How much do Christians live out these roles in your observation? Why do you think is that the case?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

It may seem old fashioned or out-dated to teach that society is most benefitted when people live by these roles. But if that's the case, how much more should Christians live out these roles? How much consideration and prayer have you given to understanding your special role in the world based upon the Bible? If you're not a Christian, would you consider that

CHANGING YOUR MIND

You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine... Teach the older men... Teach the older women... that they can train the younger women... Similarly, encourage the young men to be... (selections from Titus 2:1-6)