

## **Sermon Based Discussion**

**Sermon Title: "Young Folks: Christian Models"**

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

**Sermon Text: Titus 2:1, 4b-8**

### **OPENING QUESTION**

1. What are some popular movies, TV shows, celebrities involving younger men & women. How are younger people popularly portrayed?
2. Which age group is portrayed more favorably: younger people or older people? Why do you think so?

### **INTO THE BIBLE (Read Titus 2:1-8)**

3. Whose responsibility is it for the younger women to be trained by the older women?
4. Come up with your list of how this passage instructs younger women to be.
5. What are the expectations for the younger men?
6. Even though Paul only tells the women to love their families, we know from other places that men should love their families too. We also know that it's not just men who should be good examples, but women too.

But there is one command that Paul explicitly gives for both younger women and men. Which command is that?

### **GOING DEEPER**

7. How common is self-control among those younger? Why might Paul stress "self-control" for both younger women and men?
8. How can younger women and men practically develop self-control from those older?

Notice that Paul says older women to "teach" and "train" up the younger women. And that Paul says the younger men need encouragement (or "urge"). This may go against some common trends in which we think women need encouragement more than men, and men need training/teaching more than women.

9. How can Christians equip women to teach and train women more? How can the church encourage younger men more in self-control?

### **WHAT WILL YOU DO?**

The Lord Jesus, as the Head of the Church, died so that he could lead both the old and young into a new life with Him. At BCEC, we are blessed to have the full spectrum of young to old in our church. In the Chinatown English Congregation, while we don't have too many folks retired or over 60 years old, we have a full range below that.

10. You don't have to identify someone to mentor you in an ongoing, frequent way. What can you do to put yourself in positions where you will interact more with someone either significantly older or younger than you?

### **CHANGING YOUR MIND**

*[The older women] can train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled. Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled... so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us. (Titus 2:3b-8, NIV)*