

sermon notes

Pastor Mike Morris, VBVF | Titus: Framework for a Healthy Church
| August 3, 2025 | Replicate Yourself | **Titus 2:1-10**

Exposition

How do we best build the body of Christ?

Principle #1: Live _____ and be an _____

Principle #2: Observe good _____ and _____ them

Principle #3: Honor the Lord in your _____ and _____

Application

Older Men: lead from _____ and _____

Older Women: pass on your _____ and teach what is _____

Younger Women: build your home with _____ and _____

Younger Men: fight against _____ and be serious about living for _____

Young Leaders: be a positive example in your _____ and _____

Workers: serve _____ and platform the _____ in your work

Questions for further application of God's Word:

GO DEEPER

How is this passage (2.1-10) an important part of Paul's directions to Titus regarding the framework of a healthy church? Because it is true that every person in a church has a part to play in the life and growth of the church, how can you find your part in the life of this fellowship? In what ways can you contribute to growth and maturity in VBVF?

GET PERSONAL

Which passage (older or younger men, older or younger women, young leaders, or workers) most closely applies to you? What point of application really landed with you? What will you do about what you have learned?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

The command to be "self-controlled" is mentioned in three of the four gender-age groups. Why do you think Paul so frequently emphasized that characteristic? There are two different words with slightly different meanings in this passage – one is focused on being sensible, prudent, and thoughtful, while the other is focused on seeking God's help in controlling sensual desires (also see Matthew 16.24). Which focus draws your attention the most?

ADVANCED QUESTION

Titus is to be concerned not just for how believers are maturing and becoming more like Jesus (see Romans 8.29 and II Corinthians 3.18) but also for how their witness affects those in the world. Paul cares deeply for upholding the honor and Name of God before the world (see Titus 2.5, 8, and 10). Think about how the actions of Christians honor or dishonor God's Name. How can we strive to be proper representatives of the Lord in our world?

