Tough Grace in Difficult Places: A Study of the Book of Titus

Older Men and Women: Listen Up!

Titus 2:1–4

The Heart of the Matter

Christians have been taught for years that the church is a family. Not a slick, efficient business full of professionals, not an entertaining theater for actors, and not an academic institution. The church is God's earthly family—brothers and sisters growing, laughing, playing, and suffering together. In this section, Paul is going to deliver some much needed "family counsel."

Discovering the Way

1. Categories of People Singled Out

People have always watched how God's people live their lives. Paul wanted, therefore, to put the churches on Crete on the alert to this fact.

2. Three Who Are Initially Identified (Titus 2:1–4)

In any church, there are three groups who come under the microscope: the pastor, older men, and older women.

Starting Your Journey

All of us are being watched, but especially those who are older. To ensure a good testimony, two points are important to remember. First, age mixed with maturity provides credibility that can't be ignored. Second, modeling and mentoring cultivate an integrity that won't be overlooked.

Tools for Digging Deeper

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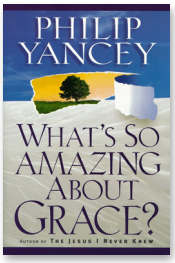

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