



Female BFFs (Biblical Friends Forever)

Titus 2 Women – “From One Generation to Another”

Read Titus 2

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Have you ever looked back at a situation that caused you to say “*Boy, if I knew then what I know now...*”? If not, just keep living. Time and experience can go a long way in teaching us how to navigate our lives with wisdom and mastery. The downside to that is the harsh reality that our time on earth is limited. I’ve heard people muse about how great it would be to have a time machine transport us backwards or forwards a few generations to help with the hard problems we face in the present. Well, I have great news! GOD gave us something even better – the church, a body of older and younger people working together toward a common purpose.



Many of the mega-churches that are in vogue today boast of having a “young congregation”. I just laugh because they are blind to the two biggest areas where their jugular and immaturity are exposed: 1. they have no past-experience to draw on and are thereby winging-it; and 2. everyone will eventually be old. In Titus 2, when an aging Paul was handing down the mantle of ministry to a much younger Timothy, he was careful to lay a foundation for a healthy church that is built according to “sound doctrine”. What’s notable about this chapter is Paul did not focus on “*what*” should be taught as much as “*who*” should teach it. As Timothy was a young pastor, it would have been easy for him to misunderstand or even neglect the older members of his congregation. Paul’s instruction protected him from forfeiting the priceless wisdom and

experience of his older members. This implied that the grace of GOD is powerful enough to bridge the generation gap if we rely on His Word as the standard. Earlier I said I have good news! Well, this is exactly what Neabsco is focusing on this month. Let’s take a closer look:

The first noticeable thing is the hierarchy – a specific order of instruction (pastor(s) teaching older men and older women, who in turn teach younger women and younger men; etc.) For the sake of this article, we will focus on the older women teaching the younger women. What specifically are we to learn?

There are two schools of doctrine mentioned here:

1. **What the older women have learned from the Word** (how to revere GOD; how to hold their tongue when it wants to slice-and-dice someone; how to resist drunkenness and addiction; and how to discern good from evil.
2. **What the older women have learned from life experience** (how to persevere through hard times and trust GOD when it hurts; how to be a godly wife, how to parent children, how to exhibit self-control; how to keep your heart pure from strife and pettiness; how to run a household; the value of being kind to people (especially those who are unkind); how to submit to our husbands (even when we don’t always trust their judgment); and how to make the Gospel attractive to outsiders

With people on-hand to answer these tough questions, who needs a time machine? Let’s not forfeit the valuable resources we have in our elders but tap them.

ACTION ITEM: *A special fellowship event will be planned (TBD). Prepare a few questions for our panel of wise matriarchs who will candidly share their wisdom and life lessons with us.*