

# ACTS Sunday 2022

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May 1, 2022

**Open:** This past Sunday morning our ACTS Youth High School Students served our church family by filling in roles that are often held by adults. They were living out a piece of Paul's challenge to Timothy in 1 Timothy 4:12, "Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity."

What did you hear or witness from our youth that was a good example to you personally?

Thinking specifically of the message Isaiah shared with us, how were you challenged to faithfully follow Jesus in light of the Gospel?

**Read:** Titus 2:1-15

## **Discuss:**

1. According to verses 1-2, how are older men to be investing in younger men? When we think of "older men," who should we be thinking of? What are some practical ways you (if you are a man) could be doing this to those who are younger than you?
2. According to verses 3-5, how are older women to be investing in younger women? What are some practical ways you (if you are a woman) could do this to those younger than you?
3. Verse 6 calls Timothy to "urge the younger men to be self-controlled." How could we as a church help younger men grow in this area?
4. Why is intergenerational discipleship important within the church? Whose responsibility is it to see that such relationships get established?
5. Verses 11-14 are a beautiful picture of the intended impact of the Gospel among God's people. What is our role in seeing that this culture is cultivated and continued in our church family? How should our different spiritual gifts influence our individual participation?
6. What cultural issues do we face today that make the pursuit of all these roles difficult? How might we overcome these difficulties?

**Pray:** Spend time asking God to build a culture within our church where the call to build one another up is actively pursued by *everyone* according to their gifts and opportunities. Pray that God continues to provide intergenerational opportunities to be a spiritual blessing to one another.

## Titus 2:1-15

<sup>[1]</sup> But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine. <sup>[2]</sup> Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness.

<sup>[3]</sup> Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, <sup>[4]</sup> and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, <sup>[5]</sup> to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.

<sup>[6]</sup> Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled. <sup>[7]</sup> Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, <sup>[8]</sup> and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.

<sup>[9]</sup> Bondservants are to be submissive to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, <sup>[10]</sup> not pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.

<sup>[11]</sup> For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, <sup>[12]</sup> training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, <sup>[13]</sup> waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>[14]</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

<sup>[15]</sup> Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you. (ESV)