

KINGDOM GENERATIONS



I love the blessing given to Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3. It forms a nice contrast for the distinct lack of blessing that is upon generations who choose other gods than the Living Father of all living (check out the Big 10 in Exodus 20 regarding this).

You don't need to have a spouse and children in order to see the Kingdom grow with spiritual generations. History is filled with examples of people who have chosen to provide shelter - even to those who are not flesh and blood. In fact, God has a special place in His heart for "widows and orphans." Think of how many people are fatherless - around the world and in our own neighborhoods.

TITUS 2:1-8

Let's take a look at God's template for how generations are to interface in order to bless and be blessed by God.

Titus 2.1

"But as for you, speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine." *What is this and how can we find it?*

Titus 2.2

"Older men are to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in perseverance." *Why is it important for older men to have these particular qualities? How do they help in helping others?*

Titus 2.3-4

"Older women likewise are to be honoring in their behavior, not hostile accusers - nor addicted to excessive drinking, teaching what is good, so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored." *What about this is old-fashioned and what is principled to fit any historic time period?*

Titus 2.6-8

"Likewise urge the young men to be sensible; in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine, dignified, sound in speech which is beyond reproach, so that the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us." *Who is the opponent? What kind of person is being described here? How would you define a mature man or woman in our current culture?*

Here is a great companion passage to consider with this Titus teaching:

1 John 2:12-25

What do you learn about the lives of younger and older Kingdom servants from these verses?