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Biblical Discipleship

Matthew 28:18-20

“¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and **teaching them to obey** everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

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Culture: The shared ideas, attitudes, and beliefs that characterize a group and shape the way they function

Discipleship: Helping others follow Jesus

Culture of Discipleship: A gospel community in which discipleship is normal and expected among all members

Titus 2:1-8 (NASB)

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³Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, ⁴so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, ⁵to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.

⁶Likewise urge the young men to be sensible; ⁷in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine, dignified, ⁸sound in speech which is beyond reproach, so that the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us.

A: Faith/ Election (grace) is according to the knowledge of the truth (sound doctrine) and leads to godliness (1:1-2)

B: Appoint elders as examples of godliness and teachers of sound doctrine (1:5-9)

C: Older men are to be examples of godliness in accordance with sound doctrine (2:2)

D: Older Women are to be examples of godliness and able to instruct (train) (2:3)

D': Younger women are to be godly after the example of older women (2:4)

C': Younger men are to be godly after the example of older men (2:6)

B': The pastor/elder is to be an example of godliness and a teacher of sound doctrine (2:7-8)

A': The grace of God (election) that brings salvation teaches us to say “no” to ungodliness & yes to godliness (2:11-12)

Christians are called to live godly lives in accordance with sound doctrine...

Elders, set an example for the church.

Christian men are called to live godly lives in accordance with sound doctrine...

Older men, show the younger men what that looks like

Christian women are called to live godly lives in accordance with sound doctrine...

Older women, train the younger women how to do that

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Church, follow the example of your elders.



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The elder must be “**holding fast the faithful word** which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both **to exhort** in sound doctrine **and to refute** those who contradict.”

¹³... “For this reason reprove them severely

so that they may be sound in the faith”

In a culture of discipleship, the elders will protect and present **sound doctrine** as that which **is**:

Essential for the hope of eternal life

Necessary to protect the church from harm

Sufficient in leading to wholeness

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(1 Peter 5:2-3) ² shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; ³ nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to

be examples to the flock.

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“...be **holding yourself forth as a pattern**”

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“Older women, you are to be godly examples and teachers of what is good, so that you will be able to **train the younger women how to think and respond rightly** in life”

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