

GOD'S PLAN FOR MEN IN THE CHURCH
Titus 2:1-2, 6-8

I. God's plan for older men in the church (1-2).

A. Be a teacher of right doctrine (1).

Romans 16:17: Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, **contrary to the doctrine which you learned**, and avoid them.

B. Be clear headed (2).

1 Thessalonians 5:6: Therefore let us not sleep, as others *do*, but let us watch and **be sober**.

C. Be reverent (2).

Proverbs 28:14: **Happy is the man who is always reverent**, but he who hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

D. Be self-controlled (2).

1 Corinthians 9:25: And everyone who competes *for the prize* is **temperate in all things**. Now they *do it* to obtain a perishable crown, but we *for* an imperishable *crown*.

E. Be sound in the Christian faith (2).

Titus 1:13-14: This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, **that they may be sound in the faith**, not giving heed to Jewish fables and commandments of men who turn from the truth.

F. Be loving (2).

John 13:35: By this all will know that you are My disciples, **if you have love for one another**.

G. Be patient (2).

Hebrews 12:1: Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and **let us run with endurance the race that is set before us**.

II. God's plan for younger men in the church (6-8).

A. Be clear headed (6).

2 Peter 1:5-6: But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge **self-control, to self-control** perseverance, to perseverance godliness.

B. Be a good example (7).

2 Timothy 1:13: Hold fast the **pattern of sound words** which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

C. Be sound in Christian doctrine (7).

Ephesians 4:14: that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro **and carried about with every wind of doctrine**, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting.

D. Be sound in speech (8).

Proverbs 17:7: **Excellent speech is not becoming to a fool**, much less lying lips to a prince.