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* Verses 12-13 encourage the brethren to “recognize” (to turn the eyes to, pay attention to) and “esteem” (to hold an individual in a particular light) those who “labor among us” and are “over” (to superintend, preside over).
* This is obviously a reference to the eldership. The reason for our appreciation for these men is for their work’s sake. How would you define the work of an elder?
* Warn the unruly – A military term referring to those who are out of rank or deviating from the prescribed order or rule.
* Comfort the fainthearted – This is a reference to one who is losing heart or who is prone to falling out.
* Uphold the weak – There are those who need more support than others.
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* Pursue what is good for all – For Christians and non-Christians.
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Titus 2:1-8

Titus is a very fundamental book written by Paul concerning various responsibilities within the church.

* Titus’ work in appointing elders in “every city” (1:5).
* Qualifications and requirements of those elders (1:6-16).
* Responsibilities of every member of the church, regardless of age (2:1-10).
* A reminder of the kindness and love of God and our response to that (3:1-8).
* Avoiding division and unprofitable things in the church (3:9-11).

Our study will cover the “list” addressing people of different ages within the church.

Older Men

* Sober - In control of passions and desires.
* Reverent - A respectful, serious demeanor.
* Temperate - Self-controlled, restrained.
* Sound in faith - Complete trust in God and His word.
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Older Women

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Young Women

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A Study of Paul’s Lists

Titus 2:1-8

Titus is a very fundamental book written by Paul concerning various responsibilities within the church.

* Titus’ work in appointing elders in “every city” (1:5).
* Qualifications and requirements of those elders (1:6-16).
* Responsibilities of every member of the church, regardless of age (2:1-10).
* A reminder of the kindness and love of God and our response to that (3:1-8).
* Avoiding division and unprofitable things in the church (3:9-11).

Our study will cover the “list” addressing people of different ages within the church.

Older Men

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* Temperate - Self-controlled, restrained.
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