

## Real Life

### Titus 2:1

1 But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine: NKJV

- Doctrine – The way of the Master, teacher, Doctor
- Does my life promote Christ?
- Is my life led by the Spirit of God?

### Titus 2:2

2 that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience; NKJV

- Sober – To abstain from wine, to watch
- Am I living my life in a way that I am concerned with the things of the Kingdom first?
- Am I watching, listening, and living for Father?
- Reverent, Temperate – Self controlled, safe, healthy – in lifestyle
- We need to initiate change
- Ask God to work in your life and believe He is doing it
- Do I have sound faith that is growing and doesn't waiver?
- Am I growing in Love and patience
- Are my relationships healthy or am I just busy?
- Am I letting God recreate my attitude on life or am just on repeat?

## Titus 2:3

3 the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things. NKJV

- Reverent behavior (NKJV)
  - Strong's – appointed for good conduct
- Slander (NKJV)
  - Strong's – word used for Satan (Diabolos), the accuser of the brethren – one that accuses and causes division
- Do not be a heavy drinker – Drunk
- Can I teach what I believe?
  - Teacher (NKJV)
    - Strong's – mastering Christian living

## James 1:22-24

22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. NKJV

- Doing the word – Confessing what the word says about you – believing God that I am becoming that person
- Radical obedience
  - Transformation wont just happen because I'm saved
- Am I living as an heir to the Kingdom?
- Or am I fooling myself
- We must be aware of who we are

### James 1:6-8 (ask for wisdom)

6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. NKJV

- Kingdom living is about “Persistent Pursuit”
- Never letting up – Never backing down
- Living single minded is living Kingdom minded

### Proverbs 9:9-10 NKJV

9 Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; Teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.

10 "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

- The fear of the Lord – Trusting the Lord
- When I know (trust) His love I expect His wisdom – He transforms my life
- Do I trust Him with my transformation?
- Do I trust Him with my future?
- Am I growing in the knowledge of my savior?

### Ephesians 3:18-19

18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height — 19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. NKJV

The love of God is not something I experience only once it's something that is constantly expanding and transforming me into the image of His son

## Titus 2:4-5

4 that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed. NKJV

- Love – Husband and children – top priority
- In VEST – Value, Energy, Sacrifice, Trust
- Discreet – self controlled, protective
- Chaste – clean, modest, pure
- Take care of their home – order
- Submissive to your husbands

If our lives are filled with busyness, pursuing everything the world has to offer yet neglecting to ground our families in the word we are creating a situation in which we will continue to pursue materialism yet have a void at the core of our lives.

## Titus 1:15-16

15 To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled. 16 They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work. NKJV

- Our heart must be pure first
- What is purity? – search me and know me Lord
- Hidden sin is the Achilles heel of the western church
- Have I allowed my conscience to become defiled?
- Have I allowed myself to drift with the current?
- Create in me a clean heart – **Psalm 51:10**

## 2 Timothy 2:22

22 Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace **with those** who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. NKJV

- Run from youthful lusts
- Many people don't mature emotionally
- SI swimsuit issue – Romance novels
- Follow things that make you want to do right
- What am I feeding my spirit?
- Pursue Faith (trust, hope, peace, love)
- Our companionship should be pure – Relate

## Timothy 4:1-5

1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, 2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron. 3 forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. 4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; 5 for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer. NKJV

- Am I in faith or heeding a deceiving spirit?
- Is my conscience seared?
- If I reflect the culture (morally) I am not relevant
- Is my life sanctified “set apart” by the word?
- Its not about religious obligation
- Its about righteous transformation

Its time for a sexually pure revolution

### 1 Corinthians 6:12, 15-20

12 All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not!

16 Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For "the two," He says, "shall become one flesh." 17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

18 Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. 19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. NKJV

- Living a life of immorality will bring you into bondage
- This will cloud my relationship with the Lord
- You will confuse a familiar spirit with the Holy Spirit

### Romans 6:16

16 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? NKJV

## 1 Corinthians 7:1-5

1 Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. 2 Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. 3 Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband. 4 The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.

5 Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. NKJV

- If your goal is to meet your spouses needs, you will exceed them
- If your goal is for your spouse to meet your needs, they won't
- You don't need pornography or fantasy
- You need pursuit, communication and putting each other first
- In VEST – Value, Energy, Sacrifice, Trust

## 1 Peter 3:1-5

1 Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, 2 when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear. 3 Do not let your adornment be merely outward — arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel —

4 rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. 5 For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands. NKJV

- Accept or receive the authority
- It is a gift
- Pure godly behavior will speak
- True beauty is inside – purity
- Receiving authority is about trust
- Earning and keeping each others trust is paramount

Proverbs 31:10-12

10 Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies. 11 The heart of her husband safely trusts her; So he will have no lack of gain. 12 She does him good and not evil all the days of her life. NKJV

A Word to Husbands

1 Peter 3:7

7 Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered. NKJV

- Am I honoring my wife – ask her?
- Honoring her with my thought life
- Honoring her when she is not around
- My sin is not private

Weaker: You are in a covenant with her and you have the responsibility to not allow her to become overwhelmed and tired. It is your job to refresh her spiritually and give her the assistance she needs, teaching her the word of God and how to apply it. We have got to be the spiritual leaders!

### Ephesians 5:25-28

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. 28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. NKJV

- Am I laying my life down?
- Am I serving my wife?
- Am I serving others?
- My wife needs to be cared for by me

Young men should be living a life that is so upstanding in the Lord our wives want to follow us.

We should not allow our wives to long to be taken care of or refreshed.

She should feel special and beautiful – celebrated.

We need to be fully engaged

Playing the flirt all day long and try to pretend at home and think everything is OK because you went to church you are not giving your wife a reason to submit. She knows – God knows