

**How to...A Semi-Complete Guide to
Straighten Out the Church**
Part 2

Straighten Out Groups –
Titus: Chapter 2

*"For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing
salvation to all people." Titus 2:11*

A. God calls all generations to work together...

1. There is great value in an inter-generational church!
Millennials: 1981-1997
Generation X: 1965-1980
The Baby Boomers: 1946-1964
The Silent Generation: 1928-1945
The Greatest Generation: Before 1928
2. Generations need one another. We need examples and teachers – older to the younger!
3. Generations see life differently.
4. Generations live life differently.

"Instead, they should teach others what is good." Vs 3b

**B. Each respective group has been given
lifestyle expectations...**

"...to live wisely..."

1. Older men – Self-control, respect, live wisely, have sound faith, full of love and patience.
2. Older women – Honor God, do not slander others, or be heavy drinkers, teaching others to do good, and modeling the good behavior.
3. Younger women – Love their husbands and children, live wisely, be pure, work in their homes, do good and respect their husbands.
4. Younger men – Live wisely, follow the example in doing good works, integrity and seriousness, and live the truth.
5. Slaves (Employees) – Model obedience, respect, and integrity in the workplace. Let your employers see that you are trustworthy and good.

C. The expectations are for all generations...

"As for you, Titus, promote the kind of living that reflects wholesome teaching." Vs 1

1. As the Christian message and the Christian life must be the same.

"You must teach these things and encourage the believers to do them." Vs 15a

2. As the Christian message must be based on biblical principles that will not change or be lost in culture.

"Then those who oppose us will be ashamed and have nothing bad to say about us." Vs 8b

3. As the Christian life must make the Christian message attractive.

"Then they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive in every way." Vs 10b

4. As the Christian life must never conflict with the Christian message!

"Then they will not bring shame on the word of God." Vs 5b

D. God's grace has been given to all...

"He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds." Vs 14

1. To free us from sin.
2. To cleanse us from sin.
3. To give us belonging.
4. To equip all of us to do good in our world!

"For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God, while we look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be revealed." Vs 11-13

Coming next week:

January 22 - Straighten Out Lives -Chapter 3

"But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy." Titus 3:4-5a

February 5 - Straighten Out Your View of Past -Philemon

"Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me." Philemon 1:11