

***Age Diversity  
in the Church***

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# **Age Diversity in Society: Our Experience**

**In our human and sinful nature, we grow weary with people who see the world, understand technology, make decisions, and process information differently than we do.**

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# **Age Diversity in the Church: God's Instructions**

*You, however, must teach what is appropriate to sound doctrine.*

*Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance.*

*Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good.*

*Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands  
and children,*



*to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind,  
and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign  
the Word of God.*

*Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled.*

*In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness*

*and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.*

*Teach slaves to be subject to their masters in everything, to try to please them, not to talk back to them,*

*and not to steal from them, but to show that they can be fully trusted, so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive.*

*For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people.*

**Titus 2:11**

*It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions,  
and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this  
present age,*



*while we wait for the blessed hope – the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,*

*who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for Himself a people that are His very own, eager to do what is good.*

*These, then, are the things you should teach. Encourage and rebuke with all authority. Do not let anyone despise you.*

**Do you have Pauls in your life? Do you have Timothy's in your life? Do you have Barnabases in your life?**

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So that we would adorn the Gospel of God our Savior.



**Paul does not want ungodly conduct to give occasion for the Gospel message to be defamed. Instead, he wants godly conduct to commend the message.**

**It is not only grace that makes good works possible (enabling us to do them), but that grace makes them necessary (challenging us to live accordingly).**

# **Age Diversity in our Church: Practical Application**

# ***Benefits***

**A church made of many generations is uncommon and difficult because Satan fully knows the powerful testimony of a multi-generational church will have upon a self-centered world.**

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# ***Tensions***

**Intentionality requires action that can make everybody uncomfortable.**

# ***Contributions***



# ***Opportunities***

*As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.*

*Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.*

**Ephesians 4:2**

*Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*

**Ephesians 4:3**

*There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called;*

*one Lord, one faith, one baptism;*

*one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all  
and in all.*

**The multi-generational design for the church is a blessing to all and an adornment of the Gospel.**