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A HOUSE POWERED BY GRACE TITUS 2

The Household Code of the Bible vs The Household Code of the Culture

- Household Codes of the Greco-Roman Empire through Aristotle's writing
- Household Codes of God through Paul's writing: Colossians 3:18-4:1; Ephesians 5:21-6:9; Titus 2
- Household Codes of our modern culture
- Just like Paul wanted leaders with well-stewarded households, he wants the household of God to be an example to the world of the goodness and grace of God.

Instructions for Life in God's Household Titus 2:1-10

- Older men - vs. 2 - *"be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in perseverance."*
- Older women - vs. 3 - *"be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good."*
- Younger women - vs. 4-5 - *"to love their husbands, to love their children, to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands."*
- Younger men - vs. 6-8 - *"be sensible, in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine, dignified, sound in speech which is beyond reproach."*
- Slaves - vs. 9-10 - *"be subject to their own masters in everything, to be well pleasing, not argumentative, not pilfering, but showing all good faith."*
- Why do all this? So that - There are four *"so that's"* in this text - vs. 4, 5, 8, 10

The "appearings" that empower living this way Titus 2:11-15

- The appearance of God's grace - vs. 11-12
 - This is an allusion to the first coming of Christ who brings salvation through His grace.
 - The grace of God also brings instruction and empowerment.
- The appearing of the blessed hope and glory of our great God - vs. 13-14
 - This is an allusion to the second coming of Christ that we look toward.

Response: Consider how your life must change to reflect your role as a member of God's household. Pray for the grace of God to instruct and empower you to be able to live this way.

LifeGroup Questions:

1. How have you processed how Paul was revolutionizing the household code of the Greco-Roman empire even though it feels almost oppressive sounding today?
2. How can you, as an older/younger man or woman, live differently to pattern your life according to the household code of God rather than of our modern culture? What specific steps can you take?
3. How do you understand the grace of God both for salvation and for living each day according to God's Word and ways?

NEXT STEPS

BE BAPTIZED: Have you trusted in Jesus, but never been baptized? Then take a next step and join us for a Baptism Class Today, November 17 or next Sunday, November 24 at 11:00 am in the Worship Center Prayer Room to learn about the method and meaning of this biblical command, and how you can participate in this exciting celebration taking place in our United Service on Thanksgiving Weekend, December 1 at 9:30 am. calvarylife.org/baptism

GROW IN COMMUNITY: The Bible encourages Jesus-followers to be planted, rooted, growing, maturing, and able to withstand the pressures of the world. At Calvary, we believe this happens best in community. So, take a next step today and explore ways to deepen and grow in your faith by joining a Group or attending a Gathering. Pick up the new Fall 2019 Groups & Gatherings guide in the Lobby or visit calvarylife.org/grow

IN RESPONSE

COMMUNION: Communion is a "meal" for believers in Jesus to help us give thanks and remember His death on the cross for the forgiveness of sins. The matzah bread represents the body of Christ given for us. The cup of juice represents the blood of Christ that was shed to pay the price for our sins. We are called to examine ourselves before taking communion (1 Corinthians 11:23-34). We typically pass communion elements the first Sunday of the month. Most other weeks, communion is available at tables around the room after the sermon.

GIVING: The offering is received during each Sunday service. This is a way to express a wholehearted trust in God and worship Him through giving. It is also an act of obedience to God that helps free us from money having mastery over us. Tithing is a biblical command of 10% as a baseline of giving, but the New Testament calls us as followers of Jesus to give even more. Our prayer is that you give purposefully and joyfully, helping to further ministry locally and globally in Jesus' name. Discover ways to give at calvarylife.org/give

PRAYER POINTS: These locations at the front right and left of the Worship Center will have people available to pray with you after the sermon and after the service as well. These people are excited to pray with you about anything in your life, including praying to tell Jesus that you believe in Him as God and trust Him for salvation. They will also pray for any health needs, stresses, worries, family members, temptations or anything else.