

The Need for Wisdom

We face a cultural problem

For the first time in human history, The young have become a model of emulation for the older population, rather than the other way around. Culturally speaking, be that in terms of dress codes, mentality, lifestyles and marketing, the world that we live in is astonishingly youthful and in many respects infantile. On the one hand, youth is essential for culture's innovative drive and flashes of genius. At the same time, however, youth is a luxury that requires the stability and wisdom of older generations and the institutions. – Robert Harrison

This constant access to information leaves the impression that a tidbit of knowledge, or a sound bite, is enough to be relevant. It suggests that a quick ten-minute read or video is equivalent to wisdom gained from years of hard-earned experience. – Dale Archer

Wisdom helps us filter the useful from the useless

But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine. Titus 2:1

The wisdom we learn through knowing sound doctrine informs every facet of our lives.

Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness. Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled. Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled. Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, Titus 2:2-6

Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us. Titus 2:7-8

Young people seek out the understanding and wisdom from those who have a mature relationship with God.

Older people intentionally train these younger less experienced believers to be faithful followers of Christ.

What step do you need to take today?

Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” 1 Peter 5:5