

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,
Titus 2:12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

Titus 2

2 But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine: 2 that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience; 3 the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things— 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. 6 Likewise, exhort the young men to be sober-minded, 7 in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, 8 sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you. 9 Exhort bondservants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all things, not answering back, 10 not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.

LIVING IN THE PRESENT FOR THE FUTURE

- ✓ This is a generational description that will impact multiple generations.
- ✓ God isn't just interested in the family, but in multiple families.

Evangelism explosion premise-

Evangelism by addition focuses on winning converts through personal effort, while multiplication focuses on making disciples who are trained to make more disciples. Addition represents linear growth (e.g., $(1+1+1)$), often centered on a leader, whereas multiplication

enables exponential growth (2 to 4 to 8) by empowering others, transforming converts into leaders.

Evangelism Addition (Converting)

- **Method:** A leader or pastor does the heavy lifting, and people are added to the church through personal effort, sermons, or events.
- **Focus:** Focuses on decision-making, preaching to the masses, and building individual "churches" or personal ministries.
- **Limitation:** Growth is slow, predictable, and limited by the time and energy of the leader.

Evangelism Multiplication (Discipling)

- **Method:** A disciple is trained to obey and to train others, based on principles like 2 Timothy 2:2 ("entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others").
- **Focus:** Focuses on reproducing leaders, relational mentorship, and shifting from "me and my ministry" to "my disciples and their ministries".
- **Result:** Rapid, exponential growth that can reach communities or nations, as seen in the Book of Acts, where the word of God spread rapidly.

Key Differences

- **Impact:** Addition results in steady, small increases; multiplication results in exponential, massive expansion.
- **Action:** Multiplication requires reproducing yourself (training), while addition often means the leader does everything.
- **Goal:** Multiplication aims for a lasting, self-sustaining movement.

SPIRITUAL ADDITION VS. SPIRITUAL MULTIPLICATION

“Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age’” (Matthew 28:18-20).

If you led a thousand people to Christ every year for 36 years (taking each one through basic follow up), how many people would you have reached with the gospel? Answer: 36,000. However, if you led three people to Christ, disciplined them, and trained each one to reach three other people, and everyone that was disciplined in turn reached three other people each year, then when we multiply the process out over 36 years the number of disciples becomes 1,048,576. That’s exponential growth. That’s spiritual multiplication.

Colossians 1:28 states, “We proclaim Him and admonish every man, and teach every man that we may present every man complete in Christ.” That’s every man, complete in Christ. The goal is not conversion but completion, or as Matthew 28:19 states it, “teaching them to observe all

that I have commanded you.” Not just some of what Jesus had commanded, but all. And in Ephesians, we read:

“To prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work” (Ephesians 4:12-16).

These passages underscore that it is God’s will that all who come to faith should grow into maturity in Christ and become full in the true knowledge of Him, fulfilling God’s desire for their character and their ministry. In verse 12, it mentions that the saints are to be equipped “for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ.” We are to do this “until we all (there is that word again!) attain to the unity of the faith.”

2 TIMOTHY 2:2

“And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others” (2 Timothy 2:2).

The emphasis in this verse is on multiplication. Notice the connection between the teacher, his students, and his students’ students. There is a long-range view to discipleship versus a terminal one.

Teaching does not simply start with a teacher and end with his students. It is to go on to the students’ students, their students and so on. The idea of one generation teaching the next is explicit here in the text. It supports the view of spiritual multiplication as opposed to mere spiritual addition.

The “menu” has five major headings:

- **Training:** “Equipping the saints” (v. 12).
- **Doctrine:** “Unity of the faith, knowledge of the Son of God” (v. 13).
- **Character:** “Mature man, the fullness of Christ” (v. 13).
- **Team Effectiveness Skills:** Relational effectiveness, communication skills, team building skills, personality and temperament awareness. “[Speaking the truth in love](#), fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies” (vv. 15-16).
- **Unique Contribution:** “The proper working of each individual part” (v. 16).

Compare the numerical results between
Spiritual Addition and Spiritual Multiplication.

Spiritual Addition <i>(Reach 100 People for Christ Each Day)</i>	Year	Spiritual Multiplication <i>(Win, Build & Send One Person Every 6 Months)</i>
(thousand) 36,000	1	4
72,000	2	16
108,000	3	64
144,000	4	256
180,000	5	1,024 (thousand)
216,000	6	4,096
252,000	7	16,384
288,000	8	65,536
324,000	9	262,144
360,000	10	1,048,576 (million)
396,000	11	16,777,216
432,000	12	67,108,864
468,000	13	268,435,456
504,000	14	1,0736,741,824 (billion)
540,000	15	4,294,967,296
576,000	16	17,179,867,184

One Person CAN Make a Difference!

God Wants YOU To Be That Person!

- **Speaking- Promoting the lesson**

There is a purpose for promoting and speaking the lesson!

- The church should develop into a beautiful body so as to attract others to our Savior.**

Things which are proper for sound doctrine: The idea behind this phrase has to do with *right living*, not just *right thinking*. The Living Bible translates this “Speak up for the right living that goes along with true Christianity.” The New Living Translation has “Promote the kind of living that reflects right teaching.”

We can’t escape it. The Bible is a book that tells us how to *live*. It is the height of hypocrisy to say that we believe its truth if we ignore how it tells us to live our lives. We don’t always like it, but we always need to hear how God expects us to *live*.

Paul simply wants Titus to fulfill the command of Jesus in Matthew 28:19-20: *Teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.*

The Bible must impact our lives and the Holy Spirit is the agent to work it through in our lives.

- **The confidence the speaker has must be in the Word of God, not his own cleverness.**

1 Corinthians 2:4-5

- **Hearing- Positioning to listen**

- ✓ **The listener must be committed to receiving counsel.**

Don't have the mindset:

- **The young people don't want to hear from us old people.**
- **The old people don't want to have anything to do with us young people.**

III. Do you want to be healed?

Proverbs 11:14

**Where *there is* no counsel, the people fall;
But in the multitude of counselors *there is* safety.**

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Proverbs 19:20

Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future.

Isaiah 40:8

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

Proverbs 13:10

By insolence comes nothing but strife, but with those who take advice is wisdom.

**Proverbs 12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes,
But he who heeds counsel is wise.**

**Proverbs 19:20 Listen to counsel and receive instruction,
That you may be wise in your latter days.**

Psalm 119:1-176 Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord! Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways! You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently. Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! ...

**Proverbs 15:22 Without counsel, plans go awry,
But in the multitude of counselors they are established.**

**Psalm 1:1-2 Blessed is the man
Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor stands in the path of sinners,
Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;
² But his delight is in the law of the Lord,
And in His law he meditates day and night**

III. How has your preaching preparation changed over the years?

Older men are not to just patiently wait around until they pass on to the next world. They are to actively endure the challenges of life; even the challenges of old age.

Reverent in behavior, not slanderers: The idea behind behavior includes a suggestion of dress and how a woman carries herself. The word for slanderers is the same word used for “devils.” When the older women — or anyone else, for that matter — slander and gossip, then they do the devils’ work

The devil's "game plan" is to wreak havoc in relationships by "throwing between" and this is exactly the effect of "malicious gossip"! The wise women Paul is describing refuse to listen to, much less propagate, slanderous and demeaning stories about others. Just as men are more inclined to abuse others physically, women are more inclined to abuse others verbally, which can be even more destructive.

Older women are not to be malicious gossips. "Malicious gossips" is a single word in Greek that is used 34 times of the devil! It literally means to throw things at people. A godly woman will not repeat damaging stories about others. She will not spread rumors or half-truths that damage someone's reputation.

- **Doing- Practicing in living**

Show (**paraecho** from **pará** = near + **écho** = have, hold) literally means to hold near, or to hold alongside and so to exhibit or show.

Paraecho is in the **present tense** which calls for Titus to make this the habit of his life, his lifestyle. The **middle voice** is reflexive and calls for Titus to initiate the action (of continually showing himself an example) and participate in the effects.

James 1- 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. ²⁵ But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

John 13:17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

Matthew 7- ²⁴ "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: ²⁵ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. ²⁶ "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: ²⁷ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

Psalm 1

Becoming a leader for those to follow.

1 Corinthians 4:16 **Therefore I urge you, imitate me.** ; 11:1 **Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.**; Philippians 3:17 **Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern;**

1 Thessalonians 1 And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe. ⁸For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything. ⁹For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *even* Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.;

2:14 For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus. ;

2 Thessalonians 3:7-9 ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to follow us, for we were not disorderly among you; ⁸nor did we eat anyone's bread free of charge, but worked with labor and toil night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, ⁹not because we do not have authority, but to make ourselves an example of how you should follow us.;

Hebrews 6:12 that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

An exemplary life awakens spiritual and moral sensitivity in those who observe us, and it gives power to our words of witness. —H. V. Lugt

We can preach a better sermon with our lives than with our lips

- **Following- Pursuing the life**

Not just being followed, but following.

Hebrews 13:7- Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of *their* conduct.

The process continues and never stops in Christianity.

1 Timothy 4:12 Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity;

James 5:10- My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience.

Be writing your obituary.

The Gospel According To You...

There's a Gospel according to Matthew; To Mark;
To Luke; and John too.
There's another gospel that many are reading...
The Gospel according to You.

All teachings we find in the Bible
Are facts we know to be true;
You must live them to make them the Gospel...
The Gospel according to You

Many read not the words of the Bible;
I will tell you what some of them do...
They are reading the book you are writing...
The Gospel according to you.

There's Great Power In Gospel Preaching
The Bible teaches that this is true.
But the sermon most likely to influence others
Is The Gospel according to You.

God help us to be faithful to Jesus...
To live all His teachings so true,
So that all may see His Spirit
In the Gospel according to You

**You are writing a gospel, a chapter each day;
By things that you do; By things you say.
Others read that gospel, whether faithless or true!
Say! What is the Gospel According To You? Leroy Brownlow**

Some years ago I heard the late Dr. James Kennedy in a sermon share a story about the Macedonian King Alexander the Great. He shared that “one day, Alexander held court in Nebuchadnezzar's great palace in Babylon. He sat upon the great golden throne, pronouncing sentences for the crimes charged to his soldiers. The sergeant-at-arms brought in one soldier after

another and read their crimes. No one could deliver them from Alexander's severe judgments.

Finally, the sergeant-at-arms brought in a young Macedonian soldier and read aloud his crime: fleeing in the face of the enemy. This cowardice Alexander could not tolerate. But as he looked on this young soldier, Alexander's countenance changed from stern to soft. Smiling, he said to the lad, Son, what is your name? The boy said softly, Alexander. The smile left the king's face. He said, What did you say? The young man snapped to attention. Alexander, sir. The king turned crimson and shouted, WHAT IS YOUR NAME? The boy began to stammer and said, Al, Alex, Alexander, sir. The king burst out of his chair, grabbed the young man by the tunic, stared him in the face, and said, Soldier, change your conduct or change your name!"