

Youth Bible Study Lesson 21

Memorize I Thess. 5:8

Titus chapter 2 is a wonderful chapter full of instruction for young people. Read this chapter at least twice before starting this lesson. Verses 4-8 zero in on what young women and young men should be learning.

Are you teachable??? Really, stop and think about that. How do you receive direction? Instruction? Do you get defensive when corrected? Do you already know it all? Recently, when I was trying to tell someone the gospel, all they kept saying was "I know, I know." This person was unsaved and unwilling to be instructed. It should be our prayer that we come to God's word with open and willing hearts and minds to receive His truth. God's word is Heb. 4:12 "_____ and _____ and _____ than any two _____ sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of _____ and _____, and is a discernor of the _____ and _____ of the heart."

I Thes. 2:13 "...the word of God, which _____ also in you that _____."

It's easy for believers to know verses but never let them impact their lives. How many of us know Eph. 4:31 and 32 but still let anger, meanness, a fresh mouth, grudge holding, etc, etc, rule our lives? Let us submit ourselves to the authority of the word of God and let it do the work that God has designed for it to do.

The first part of Titus 2 addresses the _____ men and the _____ women. They are to be godly men and women and certain characteristics should be evident in their lives. They have a responsibility to teach the young people. But how should they teach the younger generation? Look ahead in our passage to Titus 2:11 & 12 "For the _____ of God that bringeth _____ hath appeared to all men, vs. 12 _____ us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live _____, righteously, and _____, in this present _____..."

What is teaching the believer to live soberly? _____ Yes, the grace of God. Not the law of God! Legalism will not produce the Christian life. That's what the Galatians tried.

The Galatians began to think that it was their performance that gained their acceptance with God.

Gal. 3:3 "Are ye so _____? Having begun in the _____, are ye now made _____ by the _____?" The doctrines of grace will break forth into godliness in our lives! Don't let legalism rob you of the blessedness of grace! Knowing that we are accepted in Christ, righteous in Christ, forgiven in Christ, complete in Christ will manifest the life of Christ in our lives.

Do you know someone who fits this description? Maybe it's your mom, dad, grandparent, teacher or friend. Maybe it's several people. Start learning! What is it that young people need to learn?

Lesson 21 Continued

Find at least ten things and list them below.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

The fact that these things need to be taught and learned should tell us that these things don't naturally reside in us. The first thing in God's list is to learn to be sober. This word is used about a dozen times in scripture. Look at I Thess. 5:6 "Therefore let us not _____ as do others; but let us _____ and be _____."

I Thess. 5:8 "But let us, who are of the day. Be _____, putting on the breastplate of _____ and _____; and for an helmet, the _____ of _____."

If there was ever a fashion statement for the believer this is it! Young people are very interested in what they wear. I'm embarrassed for many of them. A sober minded believer is to be dressed in God's attire. Two articles of clothing are mentioned in this verse, what are they?

1. _____
2. _____

This clothing is obviously spiritual in nature. A breastplate guards your front and back from your neck to your middle. Your heart, emotions and feelings all fall under that area.

He has designed a breastplate that will protect all our vulnerabilities! It is a garment made of faith and _____. Faith – believing God's word (the doctrine of grace to be believed on for today) and Love – God's love for us (keeping our focus on God's love displayed at the cross for you). The word of God and the love of God are more than capable of protecting us from living an emotional roller coaster life.. I'm not much for hats but God has a hat for all believers to wear. Sober minded believers will gladly adorn themselves with this one. Our hat or helmet, is the _____ of _____.

I've read that young people are without hope today. With the threat of terrorism, biochemical warfare, no jobs, failing families, many young people have no hope. God has designed a headgear for us that is so powerful that if all those things just listed happen we can still have hope. That's because our hope is not based in or conditioned on any circumstance. We have the hope of _____. Soul salvation is not meant here as Paul is speaking to believers. But a salvation or deliverance from our suffering (Rom. 8:18), the wrath of God (I Thess. 5:9), and this present evil world (Gal. 1:4). No matter what comes our way we have a helmet (the hope of salvation) to protect our minds and thoughts. This keeps fear, depression, anxiety and stress at bay. The sober minded believer has a spiritual wardrobe designed by God that enables him to stand and remain steadfast in godliness, come what may.

Lesson 21 Continued

I Tim. 3:2, 11 and Titus 1:8, 2:2, 2:4, 2:6 and I Pet. 1:13, 4:7, and 5:8

are additional verses that use the word sober.

Being sober has to do with our minds thinking like God's, controlling our desires. Titus 2:6 says to be _____ minded. There is no excuse for rash actions, going off the deep end, wild behavior, or foolishness for the sober minded believer. We were camping last week and as we sat around our campfire a drunken man stumbled over by us. He was totally controlled by the beverage he had been consuming. He was not in a sound state of mind. You don't have to be drunk to be in an unsound state of mind. You might be letting sinful desires or ungodly thoughts control your mind which can also produce an unsound state of mind. Let us learn to be sober as we submit our minds to the sound (rightly divided) word of God.

Lesson 21 Answers and Comments

Quick keeper at	sober, love, husbands, love children, discreet, chaste,
Powerful	home, good, obedient to husbands, sober minded,
uncorruptness,	
Sharper	gravity, sincerity, sound speech
Edged	sleep
Soul	watch
Spirit	sober
Thoughts	sober
Intents	faith
Effectually	love
Worketh	hope
Believe	salvation
Aged	breastplate
Aged	helmet
Grace	love
Salvation	hope
Teaching	salvation
Soberly	salvation
Godly	sober
World	
Grace of God	
Foolish	
Spirit	
Perfect	
Flesh	

Living soberly in this present evil world is God's will for every believer. God always makes a more than adequate provision to accomplish His will. A verse to know and to believe regarding God's promise to us in this present evil world is II Cor. 9:8 "And _____ is _____ to make _____ grace abound toward you; that _____, _____ having _____ in _____, may _____ unto _____ good _____:" God is very redundant in this verse so that we don't miss His glorious provisions for us, His dear children, enabling us to live for His glory!

Did you notice that there is no "m" in sober?? Unfortunately some believers confuse somberness with living soberly. Put a smile on that kisser as you live soberly for God's glory!