

Message Notes

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9:30 & 11:00am

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"WISDOM I'VE GLEANED"

In this project I was given the opportunity to sit down and visit with the retired pastors that currently attend here at Wood Village Baptist Church. The wisdom I was able to glean from the lives of Dave and Gladys Schutjer, Gordon and Nancy Whipps, Tad and Cynthia Aldrich, Ralph and Lois Young, and Fleming and Doris Newcomb was invaluable. Today I will be sharing the highlights from their 180 years of combined ministry.

- Love people more than you love yourself
- Have a devoted prayer life
- Have a personal Bible time
- Go boldly to do the work the Lord has for you
- Be sure if you are called to ministry
- Proclaim the Gospel with boldness
- It is all about getting people into the family of God
- Prepare amply
- Be a team with your spouse
- Have enough time for your family and friends
- Pray emphatically for the church and others
- People are broken, do not be discouraged

I would like to thank each of these men and their wives for taking the time to sit with me, allowing me to learn from them.

Titus 2:2-7

"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."

Summary

A Shepherd of a congregation is to be devoted to his wife, raise his family well, be a faithful steward, be humble, gentle, sober, peaceful, financially responsible, not full of greed, hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, able to teach, respectable, and must set a good example for their flock. (Titus 1 and 1 Timothy 3)

Next Sunday, August 5, during both services, Pastor Bill and Alex Smith will visit about global and local missions. Alex and Faith are career missionaries with perspective on the past, current developments and future projections. Alex will share briefly about the recent cave rescue in Thailand and the Buddhist influence.