

“Things Which Are Fitting” Pt. I

Intro: Over the coming weeks we are going to study as Paul teaches us how we are to conduct ourselves as members of God’s household. Here we learn of the godly qualities each believer is to possess so that the _____ will be a strong and vibrant _____-pleasing _____.

A. Under the heading “The godly characteristics of the family _____” we will learn of “A godly characteristic of the pastor” (v. 1); “The godly characteristics sound doctrine motivates in older men” (v. 2); and, “The godly characteristics sound doctrine motivates in older women” (v. 3).

I. The godly characteristics of the family of God.

A. The godly pastor is characterized by his speech. He constantly speaks, exhorts and reproves the family in the character and conduct that is to follow sound doctrine.

B. _____ who are taught sound doctrine are to manifest such godly characteristics as:

1. Temperance: being _____, viewing this world through faith in Christ. The older temperate man is a steadfast and reliable _____ figure for the church family.
2. Dignified. Older men live in such a way as to bring no reproach upon Christ, but only honor. Their dignity brings no question as to their salvation but witnesses of it. They are actually worthy of the _____ and honor _____ all, and especially of the church _____.
3. Sensible: being right minded, prudent in thought, Christ-centered in decisions. The older man must be _____ and able to guide and advise those in his church family who are in need of spiritual wisdom.
4. Sound in faith. Right bible doctrine teaches us to _____ in God. And having lived many years and witnessed God’s enduring faithfulness older men are to exude sound faith, inspiring their church family to trust _____.
5. Sound in _____. ... These love sacrificially for the highest good of the other, even though the other does not love in return. They love _____ with all the heart, soul, mind and strength. They love their _____ as Christ loves the church. They love their _____ as God loves them. They love their church _____, whom Christ died for. The older men are to be fatherly, living, breathing, perceptible displays of the love of God our Father.
6. Sound in perseverance. To be sound in perseverance is to _____ without complaint. It is to endure hardship, disappointment, heart-break and every ill of this world by standing firm in faith in Christ. The older man has learned to persevere by keeping His eye on Jesus as the very Treasure of his reward.

C. Older women who are taught sound doctrine are to manifest such godly qualities as:

1. Reverent behavior. The older women are to be _____ examples of holy _____, actively manifesting the redeeming power and effect of the saving grace of God.
2. Rather than being malicious gossips the older women are to speak the truth in love. Rather than of sinful pride wounding, maligning, and dividing the church family they are to always season their _____ be with _____, for the godliness of the hearer.
3. Rather than being drunkards the older women are to be Holy Spirit indwelt self-controlled women who are _____ Christ, teaching that _____ is all they need.
4. Good _____. The older women are to constantly _____ the younger women, teaching them what is to be godly: good and holy before God.

Closing: Godly pastors are characterized by the preaching of the sound doctrines of _____ which they then follow by the preaching of sound _____.

Older men are to be fatherly figures within the church family who are so influenced by the truth of God's Word that they are truly men of temperance, dignity, sensibility. Having years of life behind them they are to be mature men who are _____ in _____, love and perseverance.

Older women are to be motherly figures within the church family who are so influenced by the truth of God's Word that they are truly women of reverent behavior. These women are not malicious gossips or addicted to wine, but who _____ what is _____.

By this God strengthens His household, and Christ's church becomes a vibrant, healthy family. This is the _____ for His household. These are the things that are fitting to sound doctrine.

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