



fairwaybaptistchurch

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Titus Chapter 2 – Part 1

As a part of God's blueprint for His church, what do we see here?

What God cares about has nothing to do with the **size** of a church; what God wants has to do with the virtue and **character** of a church.

As much as the end of chapter 1 was making sure we didn't see our external works as what makes us **right** with God, in chapter 2 we see how important our external works are because that is how we **impact** the church and the world.

God designed the Body of Christ so that older believers might be **sharpened** by the younger and younger believers might be **taught** by the older.

- The older generation must see that they have much to **contribute** to the younger generations and be aware that they are being **watched** and listened to.
- The younger generation must be **teachable** and value the counsel of older generations of Christians and be willing to **spur** them forward through enthusiasm for Christ.

*Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16
1 Corinthians 12:4-6, 12-13, 18
Romans 12:1, 4-5*

When the **Bible** hits something this hard, this many times, to this many different groups of people and churches, we better listen because something about it is important to **God**.

My Christianity and the way I live aren't just about **me** nor is **church** just a place that I go.

God's blueprint for our maturity, His blueprint for the church, is not **individualistic**.

*We need each other. God's blueprint for establishing His church is people moving to **life** in Christ one step at a time together.*

Implications for us:

- 1) There are people on either side of me spiritually that need me to **be** and **do** what God shows as His plan for those roles.
 - Fairway needs **senior adults** who are connected in as many ways as possible.
 - Fairway needs young adults, families, military personnel who **invest** themselves in the ministries and opportunities beyond an hour Sunday morning.
 - 'No **relationships**' is never right.
 - We cannot fulfill God's blueprint for His church if we simply come to get what we **want** or if we stick to the relationships we **already** have with those who are closest to us for whatever reason.
- 2) We all need **each** of us and we each need **all** of us to be the church that God wants us to be.
 - Deal with **your view** of Christianity, of church, of your role in both.
 - Focus on **people** first.
 - Expect a **mess**.
 - Be **humble**, be passionate, be **honest**.
- 3) If **everyone** did church and the Christian life like I am, would Fairway be better or worse off?

*With God – and in His church – there are no **little** people, just you and me for the glory of God.*