

① HOW TO CHOOSE LEADERS

② COMBATING ERROR

TITUS

GOD'S BLUEPRINT FOR THE CHURCH

③ MODEL OF DISCIPLESHIP

④ HOW TO BE A CHRISTIAN IN
AN UNCHRISTIAN WORLD

St. Titus Church - Crete



Churches: Reflect Christ

- Our churches must reflect Christ both in the way we live and the way we love one another
- Titus 2:1-10
- Paul includes instructions for every age and stage of life.
- No matter your age or position, there is something for you.

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- Paul defines the sections very clearly by the group he is addressing. Titus is to urge (exhort) every group within the church.
- So that young women will be trained how to live (verse 4).
So that the Word of God may not be reviled (verse 5).
So that an opponent may be put to shame (verse 8) .
So that they may adorn the doctrine of God (verse 10).

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- **Older men:**
- Sober-minded – The Greek word literally means “soberness,” in contrast to drunkenness. But Paul could also be using the term figuratively, meaning “clarity of mind” and “good judgment” in general. Sober doesn’t mean they have to be serious all the time, but wise and clear-headed.

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- **Older men:**
- Dignified – Literally meaning “worthy of respect” as far as his behavior. This word and godliness (1:1) are used predominantly in the Pastoral Epistles and most often together, showing the close relationship between maturity and godliness.

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- **Older men:**
- Self-controlled – This word is actually repeated for all of the other groups as well. It is also one of the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22–23), so something that the Spirit grows in us as we abide in Him.

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- **Older men:**
- Sound in faith, love and steadfastness – Paul uses the same word here that he does to describe doctrine—sound. Sound doctrine should lead to a sound lifestyle. Paul takes the early Christian triad of “faith, hope and love,” but substitutes “steadfastness” for “hope.”

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- **Older women:**
- Likewise – Should also be applied to older women
- Reverent in behavior – This word is a compound word from the word for “temple” and the word “appropriate for.” So older women should live at all times as if they were in the temple, in the presence of God Himself.

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- **Older women:**
- Slanderers –The word for devil comes from the Greek word for slanderer.[1] Slander is the work of the devil, the father of lies (John 8:44), not of God. A loose tongue is something that is dangerous for all Christians (James 3).

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- **Older women:**
- Slaves to too much wine –The ESV has the best translation here; others only say “addicted.” But the word literally means “slave.” This word is an intentional contrast to Paul’s self-description in Titus 1:1. We are to be servants of God, not slaves to sin.

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- **Older women:**
- Teach what is good, and so train the younger women – Christian community gives older men and women a great purpose—to mentor the younger believers in their midst.

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- **Younger women:**
- Love their husband and children – This phrase was used often in Greek culture, among pagans and Jews alike, to describe the characteristics of a desirable woman, one who would make a good wife. Thus, Christian women who lived this way would be a positive witness to the world outside of the Church as well.

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- **Younger women:**
- Self-controlled – Again, as for all other believers.
- Pure – This may have been referring to sexual purity—fidelity in marriage and purity in singleness. But it could also just mean personal piety in general.

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- **Younger women:**
- Working at home – This assumes that, in their culture, women's primary responsibilities were in the home versus the public sphere. This isn't making a comment about whether women should work outside the home or not, it is simply Paul's saying that women should be productive in their work.

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- **Younger women:**
- Kind – The word for kind literally means “good.
- ”Submissive to their own husbands – The ESV has the best translation (includes the word “own”). Submission was in the context specifically of an individual marriage. Each wife’s being submissive to her own husband as the head of their household.

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- **Younger men:**
- Likewise and self-control – Titus is to exhort the young men in the same way that he has all of the other groups.
- Show yourself - be a model of good works, show integrity, dignity, and sound speech.

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- **In your teaching:**
- Integrity – This word literally means “incorruptibility” or “indestructability,” and therefore is used figuratively to mean “immortality.” It’s about teaching that is indestructible or incorruptible, meaning no one can tear it down. Paul is challenging Titus to present the Gospel so well that the enemies of the Church cannot challenge it.

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- **In your teaching:**
- Dignity – The same word as above, describing how the older men ought to be. But here it is describing not just Titus's character, but his teaching. His teaching should be “worthy of respect” to outsiders.
- Sound speech – That he is well-spoken, logical and persuasive in his teaching.

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- **Slaves**
- Paul is not endorsing slavery, nor is God endorsing slavery. The Bible does not sanction slavery as a God-ordained institution.
- There is no slavery in the kingdom of God. But Paul is explaining to Christians how to live as citizens of the kingdom in the reality of this world.

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- **Slaves**
- Submissive in all things – This is the general command under which the other, more detailed exhortations fall. It is assumed that this “in all things” excludes demands that are contrary to God’s law.

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- **Slaves**
- Well-pleasing – This is the only time this is used of pleasing another person. Every other time, it is used to speak of pleasing God. So it means in relation to someone who has authority over you, seek to please your earthly master as you would please God.

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- **Slaves**
- Not argumentative, not pilfering – Paul mentions two examples (arguing and stealing) of behavior that was common among slaves at the time.
- But showing all good faith – They were to show that they could be trusted. All of this was so that they would “adorn the Gospel.”

God Has Redeemed Us

- God has redeemed us in Christ to be His people
- Titus 2:11-14
- The grace of God has appeared:
- Bringing salvation for all people. Training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions. And (training us) to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age.

God Has Redeemed Us

- Waiting for the blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ
- Who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness
- And (who gave himself for us) to purify for himself a people for his own possession, who are zealous for good works.

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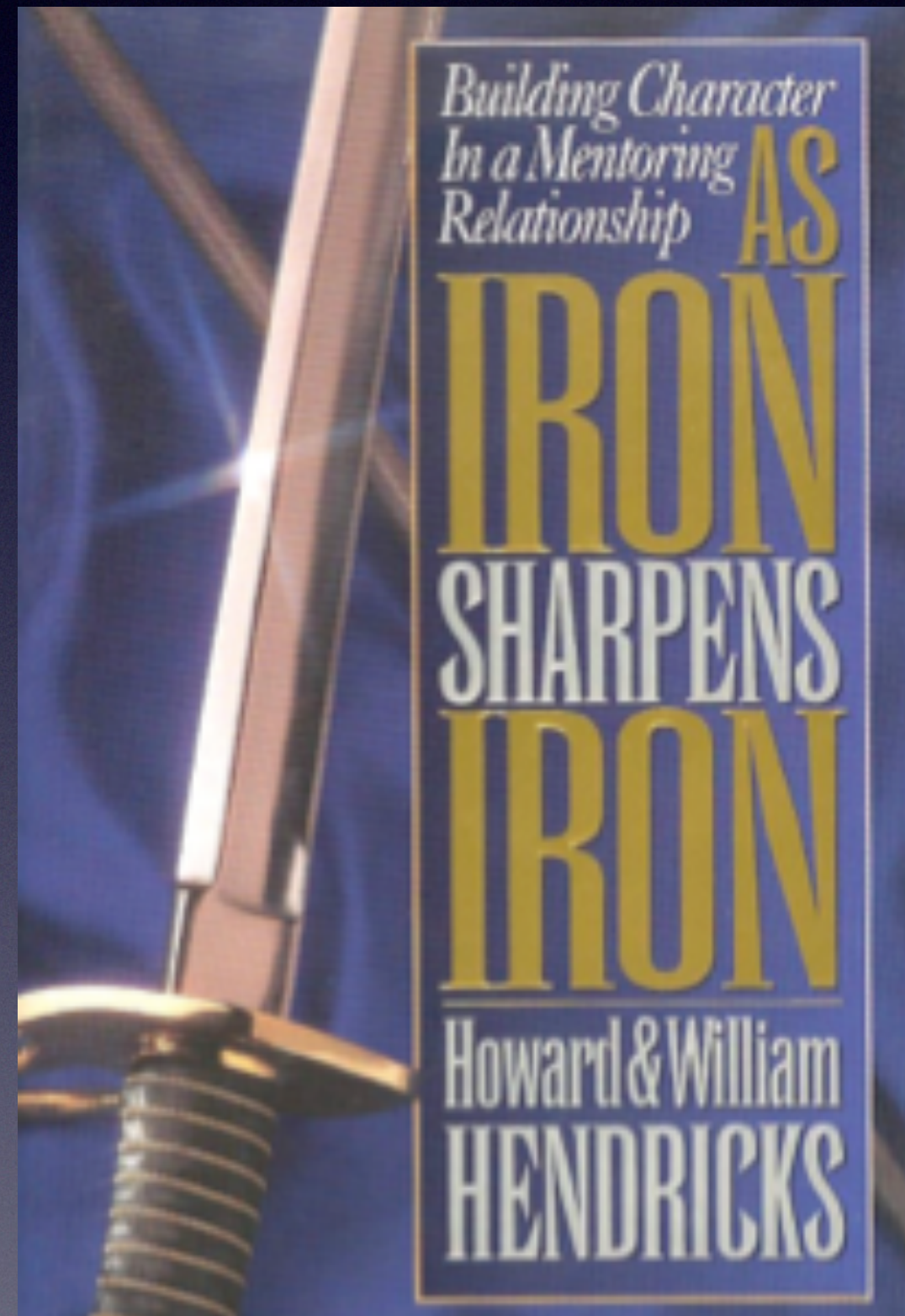
- “to purify for Himself a people” – Jesus sacrificed Himself not only to save us from sin, but to purify us. To make for Himself “a people of His own possession” (verse 14).
- Paul described how to:
- Renounce ungodliness and worldly passions (verse 12)
- Live self-controlled, upright and godly lives (verse 12)

Church Leaders

- Church leaders should exhort, rebuke, and teach sound doctrine boldly
- Titus 2:15
- Teach what accords with sound doctrine. (verse 1)
- Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you. (Verse 15)

Application

Mentoring

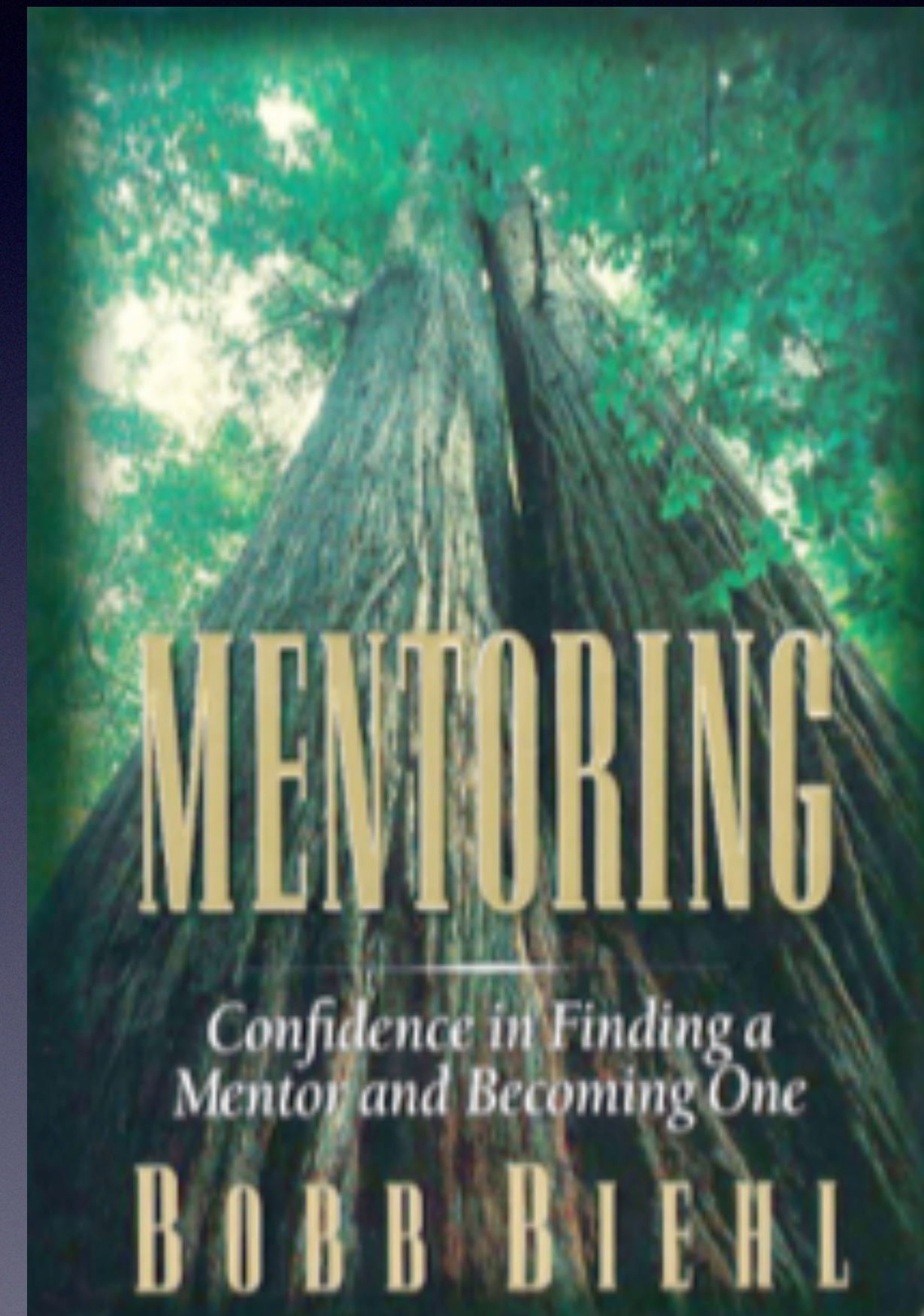


Discipleship vs. Mentoring

	<i>Discipleship</i>	<i>Mentoring</i>
Models	Timothy	Barnabas
Interchange	Content	Relationship
Role	New Believers	All Aspects
Training	Academic	Life Skills
Time Frame	Limited	Life-long
Focus	Teaching	Supporting
Chemistry	Respect	Chemistry
Numbers	Many	Few

Misconceptions

- Mentors are 83 years old
- Mentors must be perfect
- Mentors have all the answers
- Mentors follow a curriculum
- Mentoring is just accountability



Resources

