

THE LANGUAGE OF REALITY

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(Titus 2:1-8)

Titus 2:1-8 says, *"But you must tell everyone what to do to follow the true teaching. Teach older men to be self-controlled, serious, wise, strong in faith, in love, and in patience. In the same way, teach older women to be holy in their behavior, not speaking against others or enslaved to too much wine, but teaching what is good.*

Then they can teach the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be wise and pure, to be good workers at home, to be kind, and to yield to their husbands. Then no one will be able to criticize the teaching God gave us.

In the same way, encourage young men to be wise. In every way be an example of doing good deeds. When you teach, do it with honesty and seriousness. Speak the truth so that you cannot be criticized. Then those who are against you will be ashamed because there is nothing bad to say about us."

The Lord encourages people who are **YOUNG IN EXPERIENCE** to listen to people who are experienced.

This is **NOT** regulated to age. It is centered around the **STAGE** a person has matured to. For example, you can be mature in age yet inexperienced with God.

You can be mature in age yet inexperienced in the workplace. You can be mature in age yet inexperienced in worldly affairs. Inexperienced people should listen to experienced people because they speak the **LANGUAGE OF REALITY**.

The language of reality can only come through experience. **LISTENING TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE DONE WHAT YOU ARE DOING WILL ENABLE YOU TO PROSPER IN YOUR EFFORTS**. Here's what I mean.

A forty year old person who has aspirations of becoming an entrepreneur should listen to a twenty year old person who runs his own company. A thirty year old person who has a passion to Pastor a church should listen to a sixty year old individual who is Pastoring a church.

Age has nothing to do with experience. Experience is in a class by itself! When someone speaks the language of reality they are communicating **REAL LIFE** circumstances and obstacles that you **WILL** face later. The language of reality are not idealistic views from a perspective that **HAS NOT** been tried or tested. It is an **OBSERVATION THAT CARRIES THE WEIGHT OF TRUTH.**

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PERSONAL EXPERIENCES AND GENERAL EXPERIENCES.

Personal experiences are determined by a **PERSON'S DECISIONS**. General experiences are determined by the situations one encounters **AFTER** they made their personal decisions.

For example, if someone makes a personal decision not to attend college, the experience they will go through would be the reality made from their personal decision.

People who choose not to attend college tend to have a difficult time finding employment opportunities. These people usually end up making less money than people who have a skill or an education.

These known facts are called **GENERAL EXPERIENCES** that people encounter when they choose not to get an education. The Bible does **NOT** encourage us to follow a person's personal decisions.

It encourages us to follow general experiences. An easy way to understand and identify general experiences are to see the **CONSEQUENCES** and **BENEFITS** of people's personal decisions. Here's what I mean:

- If a person makes a personal decision to do something wrong the **CONSEQUENCES** of that personal decision will produce an outcome that will apply to anyone who chooses to do what is wrong.

- If a person makes a personal decision to dedicate their life to God the **BENEFITS** of that decision will produce an outcome that will apply to anyone who chooses to dedicate their life to God.

The **AFTER EFFECT** of someone's personal decisions are the general experiences the Bible wants us to adhere to. You can learn a lot from the **AFTER EFFECT** of people's personal decisions. Observing the after effect of people's personal decisions will give you a short cut to success.

By watching the **AFTER EFFECT** of people's personal decisions you will be able to see what works. You will be able to learn how to do something effectively. You will be able to learn how to avoid the pitfalls that others fell into. Learning how to listen to the **LANGUAGE OF REALITY** can help you live a long and joyful life.

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