

Building the Church on the Back of Strong Men

What is necessary to build a thriving church culture in the local church? In this short talk, Jim Cecy offers insight from his decades of ministry experience on why equipping young men is a foundational task for every church, and how church leaders can accomplish it.

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I. The Biblical Mandate

1 Corinthians 16:13 “Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men (Greek: andrizomai), be strong.”

Titus 2:1-6 But as for you, speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine. Older men are to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in perseverance. Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, *to be* sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored. Likewise urge the young men to be sensible; in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, *with* purity in doctrine, dignified, sound *in* speech which is beyond reproach, so that the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us.

II. The Practical Applications

A. Assessing the Need

B. Developing the Strategy

C. Implementing the Process

D. Sustaining the Emphasis