

Following Jesus Together

"GENERATIONAL LEADERSHIP"

I've worked with teens going on 10 years now. A major passion of mine is bridging the generational gap between the younger and older generations. There are differences in preferences, lifestyles, and hobbies. One thing stands true in almost any generational tension: misunderstanding.

The Bible actually clearly defines what we are to do with the older and younger generations.

- **The older to the younger:** *Teach them. Lead them. Pass the baton to them.*
- **The younger to the older:** *Respect them. Follow them. Learn from them.*

In what ways are we to act towards our elders?

1 Timothy 5:1 *"Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father..."*

Leviticus 19:32 *"You shall stand up before the gray head and honor the face of an old man, and you shall fear your God: I am the Lord."*

In what ways should we act towards the younger generation?

Ephesians 6:4 *"Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."*

Titus 2:6-7 *"Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled. In everything, set them an example by doing what is good."*

From the scriptures mentioned above, we can conclude two things:

- 1) We have clear directives from God on how we should interact with the other generation,
- 2) The focus of the interactions is Christ-centered, not self-centered.

I would encourage each group to think about these questions this week.

The older generation:

In what ways are you investing in our youth?

If they modeled your behavior, would they grow into a deeply rooted faith?

The younger generation:

Are you seeking out your elders for knowledge?

Are you willing to approach their advice with humility?

This is how we as a church body can be ***following Jesus together.***



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