Teachers of Good

Ken Chapman · Titus 2:1–5

INTRODUCTION

- Sometimes we talk about teaching as modeling our lives, as examples in teaching others.
- This morning I'd like to zero in upon that phrase, teachers of good things.
- I don't mean that word old in a negative, insulting way at all. I think it should be worn as a badge of honor.

1 Happiness Is a Choice

Ecclesiastes 12:1–7; Ecclesiastes 3:12–13; Philippians 4:6–8

- One thing that I've learned from those that are to be teachers of good is that I've learned that happiness is a choice.
- Some of the happiest people that I know are people that are going through every one of these things.
- That happiness is not something that can be mine based upon solely the circumstances of life. They've taught me that I can be happy when times are tough.
- There is nothing better for them than to rejoice and to do good in their lives.
- Filter through the garbage of life, and find that which is good. And focus on that.
- An old man with a lot to complain about teaches us that happiness is a choice.

2 I Too Can Endure Hardships

1 Peter 4:12–13; 1 Peter 5:9; Hebrews 12:1

- Another thing that I've learned from old people, these teachers of good, is that I too can endure hardships.
- Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you. As though some strange thing happened to you.
- Resist him steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. We've got company.
- We have an example laid before us of others who have gone through it. And they endured it with their faith intact. And that tells me that I can do the same.
- They've taught me that endurance is possible. That steadfastness is not just a word found in my Bible, but it's something that can actually be practiced.
- Let us run with endurance, the race that is set before us.

THE CHALLENGE

I want to encourage, if you fit in that category, to be a teacher. And I want to encourage the rest of us that don't fit into that category to be willing to learn, to listen.

MY NOTES