

Our teens and children are no more
“Tomorrow’s Church”
than our old people are
“Yesterday’s Church”

Scripture paints a different picture



VOWS AT CHILD CONSECRATION

Will you accept _____ into your fellowship and share the responsibility for his/her spiritual nurture?

Will you support and love him/her?

Will you be faithful to your calling as the Body of Christ so that he/she and all other children in our midst may grow up in the knowledge and love of Christ?



VOWS AT BAPTISM

Do you now renew and reaffirm your vows of loyalty
to Jesus Christ?

Will you receive these persons as part of this
fellowship, and will you surround them with love and
encouragement, helping them to release the gifts
which God has given them, and walk with them in
the way of Christ?



THE 'YOU' IN YOUTH WORK

Titus 2:1-8



Sound doctrine is foundational to
spiritual development.

Pastors, teachers, older brothers and sisters in the faith
all need to be intentional about
2 Tim. 2:15 and 3:15-17



EXPECTATIONS OF OLDER MEN

Be temperate

Live worthy of respect

Exercise self-control

Be sound in faith

Be sound in love

Be sound in endurance

Be an example



EXPECTATIONS OF OLDER WOMEN

Live reverently

Don't engage in slander

Don't be addicted to much wine

Teach what is good

Train the young women



EXPECTATIONS OF YOUNGER WOMEN

Love your husbands and children

Be self-controlled and pure

Be busy at home

Be kind

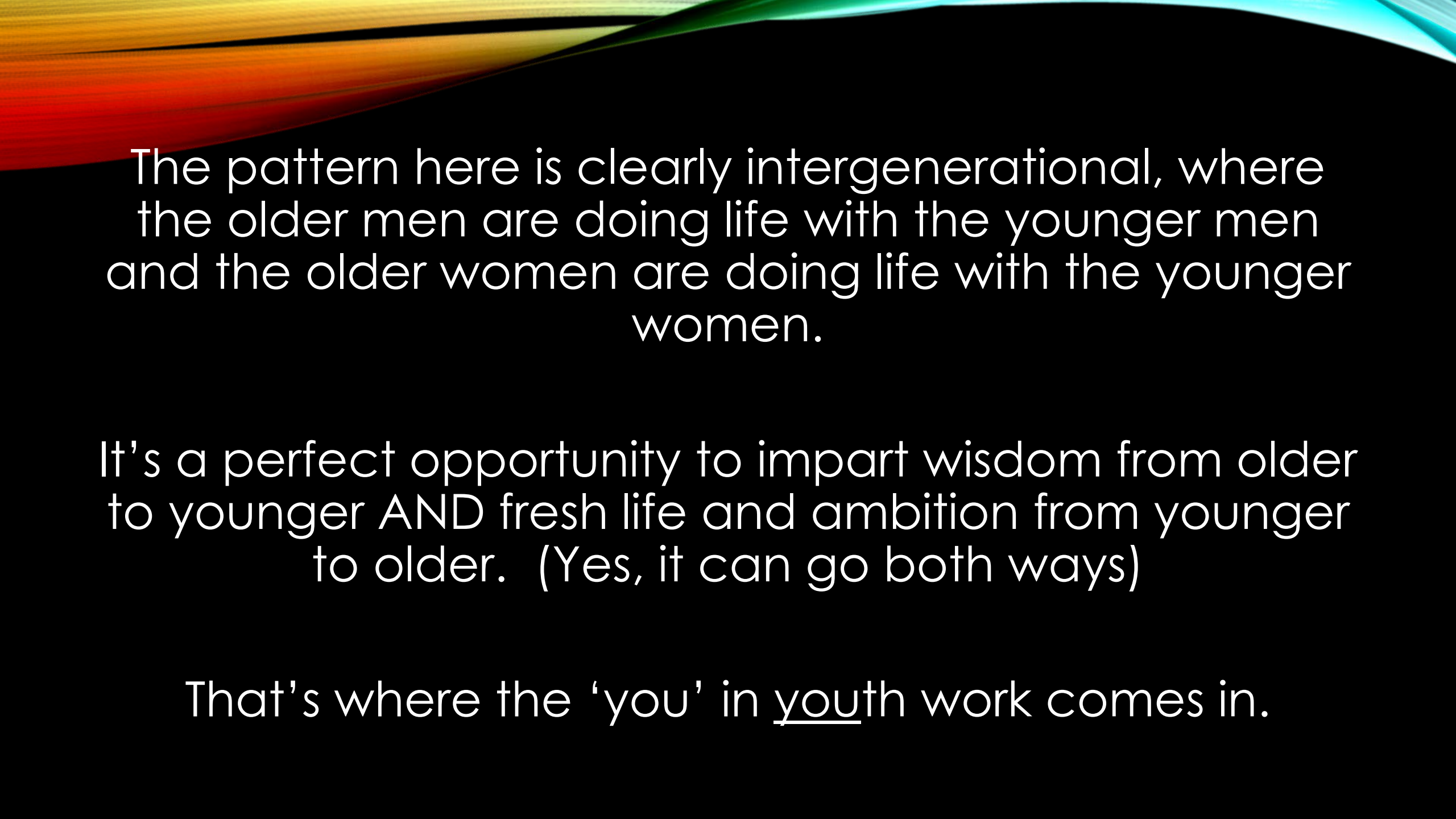
Live in biblical submission (See Eph. 5:21-33)



EXPECTATIONS OF YOUNGER MEN

Be self controlled

Be humble enough to follow the example of older brothers in Christ (2:7)



The pattern here is clearly intergenerational, where the older men are doing life with the younger men and the older women are doing life with the younger women.

It's a perfect opportunity to impart wisdom from older to younger AND fresh life and ambition from younger to older. (Yes, it can go both ways)

That's where the 'you' in youth work comes in.



In light of Pastor Kyle's departure, how will you live out your responsibility to the spiritual health of our teens?

Getting to know them (incl. interests, hobbies, struggles) and fervently praying for them?

Getting involved as a mentor for one?

Volunteering to help with Youth events?