

WILLIAMSTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



WUMC's

Daily Devotional

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Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The People of the United Methodist Church

Scripture Verse:

Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance.

Titus 2:2

Devotion:

On Tuesday we had our first Men's Prayer study group meeting and it was such a blessing to be surrounded by a bunch of like-minded men wanting to live and serve the Lord. One of the biggest blessings is the inclusion of what we other men have nicknamed our "3 Patriarchs" of Terry, Jerry, and Bo. Many of the men mentioned how great it was to be able to learn from these more experienced men, to hear how God is at work in their lives, and to learn from their mistakes and how God has saw them through.

Paul mentions to Timothy for the older men to be worthy of respect. Ever wonder why that is so important? It is because us younger men, whether we acknowledge it or not, look up to the older men for wisdom, guidance, and leadership. We seek to follow their example and we seek their approval, again whether we acknowledge it or not. Older men, listen to me. You are being watched and there are a number of men under you who are eager to have you mentor them. Every group needs a "Terry, Jerry, and Bo."

Questions to Ponder:

Who are the older men in your life who have mentored you? What did you learn? When have you seen an older man not worthy of respect? Why?

Prayer:

Father, I thank you for those people You bring into my life who lead by example and are there to help teach me and encourage me. Help me to be such a person as well. In Jesus Name, Amen.