

"Mother's Influence"
Titus 2:3-5
Mother's Day May 9, 2021

"The 5th Commandment **Exodus 20:12** "Honor your father and your mother,

Background Of This Passage In Titus: Paul was writing to Titus a fellow Pastor to encourage him in his ministry in Crete. It was a difficult place
(NLT) Titus 1:12-13

Titus 1:5, Paul said to Titus "**set in order**" which is a medical term that describes "*setting a joint, or to set a bone*"

Important to note that this letter was written to Titus but Titus was to convey these truths to the believers on the Island of Crete.

In The Letter Paul Gave Titus Instructions Regarding The Christian Home: Paul addresses specific responsibilities in the home. **Older Men (v-2), Older Women (v-3-4), Young Women (V-4-5), Young Men (v-6) and Slaves (v-9).**

Thought Of Our Passage: "Older Mothers Are To Be Holy Examples To Younger Mothers So That God's Word Will Be Honored."

1. Verses 3-4 Older Women - Be Holy

2. Verses 4-5 Younger Women - Be Stable

1. Verses 3-4 Older Women - Be Holy

Titus 2:3 "Older women" *Only time in the NT – "old woman, aged woman"*

Older women likewise Paul is saying "*in the same way.*" What way?

Titus 2:1-2

God wants Godly Men and Godly Women.

are to be reverent – Only here in NT "*describes person engaged in sacred duties, to be holy or sacred*" **in their behavior**, - "*demeanor, the entire external behavior is manifesting the inner life.*" **Our Walk Should Match Our Talk!**

Titus 1:16

They profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him,

What Does Being Holy Look Like? Paul Gives 3 Characteristics:

1. Verse 3 Being Holy Means - Watching Your Tongue: not malicious gossips (KJV "false accusers") 38X NT Greek word *Diabolos* get the word "devil" "one speaking evil of or making accusations against others" *When we use our tongue to destroy, we are being used by the devil!*
1 Timothy 3:11

Proverbs 10:19,12:22; 15:1; 26:20-21

Ephesians 4:31-32

Warren Wiersbe suggested **12 words** that we can speak that will transform our lives.

The first 3 words - "Please" and "Thank you" when we use these, we are treating others like people not things, you are showing appreciation.

Words 4 & 5 - "Forgive me!" these words have a way of breaking down walls and building bridges.

Words 6-8 - "I love you" As Christians, we should love the brethren and even love our enemies. These words carry great power.

Words 9-12 - "I'm praying for you" And be sure that you are! "When you talk to God about people, then you can talk to people about God."

2. Verse 3 Being Holy Means - Being Sober-Minded: nor enslaved to much wine, The tense denotes "the state of being enslaved" He is speaking literally and figuratively, given over to the influence of another.

3. Verses 3-4 Being Holy Means - Being A Teacher Of Good:

Titus 2:3

teaching what is good - The word "good" here means "good in a moral sense," We should instruct in the things of God. "teachers of good things, teaching that which is noble and attractive by precept and example"

Teach How To Love God – God is the fountain of all truth.
Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Teach How To Manage God's Resources - Need to teach them that God is the owner of all things, that He must be first.

Teach How To Complete A Task, To Work A Job - That they need to work!

Teach How To Build The Right Relationships - How many people are led astray because of the company they keep? **1 Corinthians 15:33**

Teach How To Obey And Respect Authority – Ephesians 5:21 Titus 2:4 so that they (older women) may encourage (KJV “that they may teach”) Literally *“to make sane, to restore to one's senses, to discipline, used only here in N.T.”*

“The great usefulness of older women is to train the younger, to hold them to the tasks”

2. Verses 4-5 Younger Women - Be Stable:

“What Does A Stable Woman Look Like?” Paul Gives 6 Characteristics:

1. Verse 4 Being Stable Is - Loving Your Husband: the young women to love their husbands,

love – This is the only time a wife is told to love her husband.

love – *“affectionate towards her husband, fond of one's husband, to be a husband lover.”* This is the key in the home. It is the cement that holds the home together.

Husband comes before the children, Grandchildren – even the House.

2. Verse 4 Being Stable Is - Loving Your Children: to love their children, *Not all mothers love their children, equally and impartially! Have a favorite.*

love their children, - Notice not their dog or cat but their children!

Really listening to them, spending time with them, sharing and teaching them, loving them in spite of their faults.

Loving her children involves disciplining her children.

Proverbs 22:15; 23:13-14; 29:15

3. Verse 5 Being Stable Is - Being Sensible And Pure:
Titus 2:5 to be sensible, pure,

to be sensible, *“chaste, self-controlled, they are to be balanced in actions and judgment, discreet in all of their relationships”*

pure, (decent) used in the sense of a worshipper that is "*pure in thought, in word and deed, habitual self-restraint;*" Hints of sexual restraints.
(Dress) Not being flirtatious.

The Bible's teaching on Sexual Purity is clear. It is (Thoughts, Heart, and Actions) It is Pre-Marital and Faithfulness in marriage Extra-Marital.

Proverbs 22:6

4. Verse 5 Being Stable Is – Being A Worker At Home: workers at home, (Domesticated) "*keepers at home,*" The opposite of being idle.
1 Timothy 5:13-14

Proverbs 31:27 And does not eat the bread of idleness.
(Idleness is not conducive to holiness)

5. Verse 5 Being Stable Is - Being Kind: Titus 2:5 kind – "*useful, good, pleasant, agreeable, joyful*" **(Home Is A Suburb Of Heaven)**

6. Verse 5 Being Stable Is - Being Subject To Your Husband:
Titus 2:5 being subject to their own husbands,

subject – Military term that means "*to arrange in order and rank.*" Outside of the military It means "*to voluntarily give in, arrange in order, to respect, to love, to obey your mate.*"

so that the word of God will not be dishonored. Paul says more to the young women than any other group. Their impact of their lives is vital to the cause of Christianity.

Application:

- 1. Mothers, Are You Convinced Of Your Salvation?**
- 2. Mothers, Don't Get Short Sighted And Miss The Big Picture As To What Is Being Accomplished On A Daily Basis.**
- 3. Mothers, Are You Committed To Being Godly?**
- 4. Mothers, Are You Committed To The Bible And Growing In Your Faith?**
- 5. Mothers, Are You Committed To Practical Service?**