

“Godly Mother In An Ungodly World”
Titus 2:3-5
Mother’s Day May 8, 2016

Background Of This Passage In Titus: (NLT) Titus 1:12-13

Titus 1:5 – “set in order”, which is a medical term that describes “setting a joint, or to set a bone.”

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-4), Young Women (v-4), Young Men (v-6) and Slaves (v-9).

- 1. Verse 3 – Older Women – Be Holy**
- 2. Verses 4-5 – Younger Women – Be Sane**

1. Verse 3 – 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.

“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.”

Paul earlier had referred to some who were false. Titus 1:16

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

Proverbs 12:22

Proverbs 15:1

Proverbs 26:20-21

Ephesians 4:31-32

Warren Weirsbe 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!

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, not to be given over to the influence of another.

3. Verse 3 – 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”; “teachers of good things, teaching that which is noble and attractive by precept and example.”

Teach How To Love God – Deuteronomy 6:4-5.

Teach How To Manage God’s Resources.

Teach How To Complete A Task, To Work A Job.

Teach How To Build The Right Relationships –
1 Corinthians 15:33.

Teach How To Obey And Respect Authority – Ephesians 5:21.

2. Verses 4-5 – Younger Women – Be Sane:

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.”

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

1. Verse 4 – Being Sane Is – Loving Your Husband: “the young women to love their husbands,”

“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 Sane Is – Loving Your Children: “to love their children,” – Not all mothers love their children, equally and impartially!

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

Proverbs 23:13-14

Proverbs 29:15

3. Verse 5 – Being Sane Is – Being Sensible And Pure:

Titus 2:5

“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 “purity in thought in word and deed, habitual self-restraint”

Proverbs 22:6

4. Verse – 5 Being Sane Is – Being A Worker At Home: “workers at home,” – (Domesticated) “keepers at home.” The opposite of being that of idleness. 1 Timothy 5:13-14

Proverbs 31:27

Idleness is not conducive to holiness.

5. Verse – 5 Being Sane Is – Being Kind: Titus 2:5 – “kind,”

“kind” – “useful, good, pleasant, agreeable, joyful”; Home, a suburb of heaven.

6. Verse – 5 Being Sane Is – Being Subject To Your Husband:

Titus 2:5

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

Application:

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