

**"Mother's Check-List"**  
**Titus 2:3-5**  
**Mother's Day May 8, 2011**

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**The 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment, Ex. 20:12**

**Gen. 30:1**

**Background of this Passage:** Paul was writing to Titus, a fellow Pastor, to encourage him in Crete. It was a hard 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"

In The Letter, Paul Gave Titus Instructions Regarding the Christian Home. He talks about specific responsibilities in the home. He talks about older men (v-2), older women (v-4), young women (v-4), young men (v-6) and slaves (v-9).

**Titus 2:3 – Older Women Be Holy**

**Titus 2:4-5 – Younger Women Be Helpful**

**Titus 2:3 – Older Women Be Holy:**

Titus 2:3

"likewise" – Paul is saying in the same way. What way? Titus 2:1-2

"are to be reverent" – "holy or sacred" in their behavior; "Their Walk Should Match their Talk."

Titus 1:16

What Does Being reverent, "holy or sacred" in their behavior, Look Like? Paul Mentions 3 Areas!

1. Verse 3 – Check-List: Holy – Be Careful With My Tongue:

"not malicious gossips" – The word means "a slanderer"; In others places in the Bible, it is translated "Diablo, or The Devil"

Proverbs 10:19

Proverbs 12:22

Proverbs 15:1

Proverbs 26:20-21

Eph. 4:31-32

Warren Weirsbe suggests 12 words that we can speak that will transform our lives. If you say these and mean them, you will find that God will use you to be a blessing and an encouragement to others.

The first 3 words – “Please” and “Thank you.” When we use these, we are treating others like people not things; we 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.” Too many people read romance into these words, but they go much deeper than that. 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.”

When we pray for others it shows that we care enough to pray and bring them before the throne of grace. It encourages them.

2. Verse 3 – Check-List: Holy – Be Sober-Minded:

“nor enslaved to much wine,” – He is speaking literally and figuratively; That means that mother is not a drunk, or given over to the influence of another.

Alcohol is the third leading medical problem in the United States. Each year, over 40,000 people die on the highways of America because of Alcohol. Alcohol is a factor in over half of the murders, one-fourth the suicides and a majority of the divorces in the United States each year.

Some reports says there are the same number of women as men who have problems with alcohol.

3. Verse 3 – Check-List: Holy – Be 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. The word here really means “wise, sensible, to use good judgment, teaching good and beautiful things”

God is Reality – God is the fountain of all truth. Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Dealing with Money – Need to teach them that God is the owner of all things, that He must be first.

Complete A Task, Work a Job – That they need to work! That they need to do their job unto the Lord.

Their Relationships – associations. How many people are led astray because of the company they keep?

### **Titus 2:4-5 – Younger Women Be Helpful:**

Titus 2:4

“so that they may encourage” – “to make sane, to restore to one's senses, to discipline”; used only here in N.T.

“How Does A Mother Model Being Sane?” There are 6 Areas That A Mother Can Follow.

1. Verse 4 – Check-List – Love My Husband: “the young women to love their husbands,”

Love – “affectionate as a wife, love their husbands, fond of one's husband”; This is the key in the home. It is the cement that holds the home together.

Husband comes before the Children, Grand children – even the Home.

2. Verse 4 – Check-List – Love My Children: “to love their children,” – treat one's children as blessings, not burdens.

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

When a mother loves her children, it involves discipline.

Prov. 22:15

Prov. 23:13-14

Prov. 29:15

3. Verse 5 – Check-List – Be Sensible And Pure:

Titus 2:5

“to be sensible,” – “sound in mind, self controlled, discreet, sober, temperate”

“pure,” – Used in the sense of a worshipper that is “pure from ceremonial defilement, pure and holy, innocent and free from sin”

The Bible’s teaching on Sexual Purity is clear. It is “Thoughts, Heart and Actions”; It is Chastity – Pre-Marital and Faithfulness in marriage – Extra-Marital.

Proverbs 22:6

4. Verse 5 – Check-List – Workers At Home: “workers at home,”

Prov 31:15-18

5. Verse 5 – Check-List – Be Kind: 5 “to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind,”

“kind” – “useful, good, pleasant, agreeable, joyful”

Mothers, the very nature of the task is thankless, it calls for us to be kind!

6. Verse 5 – Check-List – Be Subject To My Husband:

Titus 2:5

“subject” – Military term that means to arrange in order and rank. Outside of the military, it means that one subjects himself; “to respect, to love, to obey your mate”; “To arrange in order”

**Application:** Mother's, don't get short-sighted and miss the big picture as to what is being accomplished on a daily basis.

1. Be Convinced of your Salvation – Mothers need God first. Surrender your will to Him.
2. Be Committed to being a Godly Wife – (If married) – Being a godly mother involves being a godly wife.
3. Mother, Be Committed to the Bible – Priority
4. Mother, Be Committed to the Faith – Living daily, your trust in God.
5. Mother, Be Committed through Practical Service – a Christian is a Servant; we are saved to serve others.