

Help Me! I Want to Be a Better Wife and Mom!
Titus 3:3-5

INTRO: Where can a woman find the help she needs when it comes to being all that God wants her to be as a mom and wife? Of course, help comes from the Bible, God's Holy Word.

Help also comes from godly women who have learned by experience the joys of loving Christ and loving their husbands and their children. I am saddened by the number of moms who are abusing their children; some even killing them! God is no where near such hate!

Dear woman, learn what God has for you as a good and godly one.

I. VS 3, ADVICE TO OLDER WOMEN

- A. It is thought that these women were around sixty years old.
 - 1. Older women are a rich asset to the church. We need to harness the power of these good, godly women.
 - 2. It amazes me that so many older women want to behave like inexperienced children. Act your age!
- B. The older women are to "be in behavior as becometh holiness..."
 - 1. They are to be modest in apparel (I Tim 2:9-10).
 - 2. Mrs. Joyce Rogers, widow of Dr. Adrian Rogers, says of I Timothy 2:11-13: "If all related passages are studied carefully, one discovers that there were definite limitations put on the women's ministry in the public assembly. She was not permitted to be a teacher who would take authority over man. . . . she was not to challenge or question the male authority in charge" (168). Kenneth Wuest says in *Greek Word Studies in the New Testament*: "In the sphere of doctrinal disputes or questions of interpretation, where authoritative pronouncements are to be made, the woman is to keep silence."
 - 3. She is not to be a stranger to the Bible and holiness.
- C. "Not false accusers. . . ." The Greek word is *diablos* or devil.
 - 1. John MacArthur writes: "Older women are not to be malicious gossips. They refuse to listen to, much less propagate, slanderous or demeaning words about others" (27).
 - 2. Older women are to speak words that are healthy, wholesome, and wise.
- D. "Not given to much wine." Again we look the Greek where we find

that the words “not given” are a translation of the Greek word *douloo* meaning “to be enslaved.”

1. Addiction brings dishonor to the name of God.
 2. Addiction leads young ones astray. Proverbs 20:1 says: “Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.”
- E. “Teachers of good things.” A number of these good things will be seen in the next two verses.
1. The idea here is to be an encourager in doing right.
 2. These older women are to encourage by their lives, their words, and by all that they are.

II. VSS 4-5, ADVICE TO YOUNG WOMEN

(Paul is speaking to young married women in particular.)

- A. Vs 4, Young women need to be taught to be sober, to love their husbands, and to love their children.
1. “To be sober.” The Greek here means to be sensible, to have self-control. We need young women who are sensible.
 - a. Jesus must be Lord of your life if you are going to be controlled in word and deed.
 - b. A woman who thinks right, biblically, will act right.
 2. “To love their husbands.” This is to be taught.
 - a. The love of God experienced by the saved woman is to overflow to a love for her husband.
 - b. Jesus is to be first in our lives, but a woman’s husband is to occupy a very prominent place in her life.
 - 1- In Crete, some women, enjoying their new found freedom in Christ and Christianity, were putting themselves above their husbands, and neglecting their responsibilities at home and seeking outside fulfillment.
 - 2- Women have a responsibility to love their husbands and to meet the emotional and physical needs of their men.
 3. “To love their children.” “In Crete, the women had given themselves to pleasure and activities outside the home. They had no particular interest in their children, so they were reminded to love their children” (Draper 60).
 - a. To love a child means to sacrifice for him, to do

- without to provide for him. It also means to take time with your little one.
- b. Many children are crying out for a mother's love. Love is more important than material things.
- B. Vs 5, Instruction is here given that the younger women be taught to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good and to be obedient to their own husbands.
1. "Discreet"— the Greek word here is *sophron* meaning, "in ones senses, of a sound mind, curbing desires and impulses."
 - a. Not dominated by ungodly worldly fashion.
 - b. Not a slave to any habit, a disciplined personal life.
 2. "Chaste."
 - a. Avoiding immorality, not immoral in word or deed.
 - b. A Christian wife is to be true to her husband in mind, heart, and action.
 3. "Keepers at home." This means to be "workers at home."
 - a. The woman is to take care of the home, a worker at home. It is her place and not someone else to see that the house is clean.
 - b. She is to guide the home (I Tim 5:14).
 - c. Her priority is her God, family, and her home.
 4. "Good." This means to be kind. Kind to her husband and children. Young women are not to let the constant strain of domestic duties cause them to become irritable and cruel.
 5. "Obedient to their own husbands." This is not what the preacher says; it is what God says.
 - a. The husband is the head of the wife (I Cor 11:3).
 - b. Many women today are rebellious, desiring to rule over their husbands no matter what God says.
 6. "That the word of God be not blasphemed."
 - a. "If young women failed in their home, then pagan society would laugh at the Word of God" (Draper 62).
 - b. The Word of God nor the Gospel message are honored when women rebel against the clear teaching of the Word of God given in Titus 2:4-5.

CONCLUSION: Women, God loves you and wants what is best for you. Follow His instruction for peace at home.

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