

## Godly Mothering in a Sin-sick World

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Paul wrote to Titus concerning some principles for older women teaching the younger women. These truths offer great insights for both young and old today on this special occasion of Mother's Day.

**Titus 2:1** *But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:*

**Titus 2:3-5** *The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; 4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.*

Today is the 115th Mother's Day in America, first celebrated in 1907.

- Motherhood is no easy job
- No mother is perfect

While our culture spins out of control, the traditional family unit is attacked most viciously. Yet, the Bible emphasizes the importance of the family starting in the Garden, always exalting the woman's place in the family. Some religions allow men to mistreat their women. The Koran does not require the women to wear a burka (coverings the whole body including the face with a mesh window for the eyes) or even a hijab (headcoverings), but men force the women to conform to their dictates. They view women as one of their possessions. The Bible has no such instruction.

Motherhood is a ministry of teaching and preparing children to follow God's pathways. It is unfortunate when mothers do not realize the importance of their position and society disparages motherhood and the nuclear or traditional family.

A missionary was visiting a local church, trying to stir up interest to get people to go to a foreign country to preach the gospel. At the end of the service, a woman dragging a little boy behind her told the missionary, "I just feel like God is calling me to be a missionary." "He is, indeed," pointing to the little boy, "And there's the little heathen he wants you to preach to."

Titus ministered in a pagan environment among Christians who had a background in violence, dishonesty, and immorality, making the Cretans legendary.

**Titus 1:10-12** *For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: 11 Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses,*

*teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake. 12 One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, **The Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies.***

The Christian women in the first century were trying to be godly while living in a sin-sick society. Therefore, the Bible encourages older women to teach and train the younger women in the necessities of mothering and being a good wife. The older women are to teach the young mothers. Societies desperately need godly mothering in a Sin-sick World.

We need to consider the present-day power of this ancient advice carefully. Moms should have the greatest influence on their children, as reflected in the writings of Ezekiel.

**Ezekiel 16:44** *Behold, every one that useth proverbs shall use this proverb against thee, saying, **As is the mother, so is her daughter.***

Schools were never supposed to usurp the authority of the parents. Titus chapter 2 says the older women are to teach the young women **“to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children.”** Let's first consider these three elements.

### **I. The Younger Women are to be taught to be Sober**

**Sober:** Serious; solemn; grave; being sober involves a MINDSET

**Titus 2:6** *Young men likewise exhort to be **sober minded.***

**1 Peter 1:13** *Wherefore **gird up the loins of your mind, be sober,** and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;*

**1 Peter 5:8** ***Be sober,** be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*

### **II. The Younger Women are to be taught to Love Their Husbands**

Love is a choice; it is not simply an emotion. Think about it! The Bible would never instruct the teaching of something that cannot be learned.

A. The marriage relationship takes priority under the **umbrella** of the couple's love for the Lord. Ephesians lays down the principles that should govern the home concerning the husband's and wife's desire to love each other in the will of God.

**Ephesians 5:22-23** *Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.*

B. When the marriage relationship takes its rightful place, we see three results:

1. The wife and husband live a fulfilled life.
2. The children learn how to have a successful marriage through the parents' example.
3. The wife and husband recognize the dangers of prioritizing other pursuits above the marriage relationship.

C. This is in contrast to the wickedness that pervades our world, where personal pleasures are given top priority. **Godly Mothers in an Wicked World** love their husbands.

## **II. The Younger Women are to be taught to Love Their Children**

A. Loving our children does NOT mean:

1. Giving them everything they desire; turns out to be counterproductive and destructive
2. Making sure that they keep up with the Jones of the world
3. Making their own religious decisions if the parents are true believers

B. Loving children requires:

- Applying discipline consistently and lovingly

**Proverbs 23:13-14 Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. 14 Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.**

- Instilling a biblical Christian worldview, increasingly under attack as old fashioned and outdated
- Teaching the children to love the Lord Jesus Christ; remember that love is an emotion that can be taught mostly through example
- Caring for their spiritual, emotional, and physical needs.

**Psalm 127:3-5 Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. 4 As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. 5 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.**

**2 Timothy 1:5 When I call to remembrance the *unfeigned faith* that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy *grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice*; and I am persuaded that in thee also.**

A godly mother loves her husband and children

The abortion debate is again at the forefront of America's debate. Every person alive is against abortion if it involves their mother and the supposed choice to abort them.

It is against nature for a mother to abort her child. It is against nature for a mother to harm her children; it is satanically induced, wicked, ungodly, unnatural. This behavior and mindset must be taught and ingrained in a person's psyche.

Being a Godly Mother in a Wicked World isn't an easy task. We need to pray for our mothers often. And be thankful every day if yours is still alive.

Happy Mother's Day to all moms, grandmas, great grandmas, step-moms, adoptive moms, foster moms, pet moms, mother figures, moms-to-be, moms in Heaven and all women in our lives who care for us and unconditionally love us. Moms are priceless, and we love them dearly.

600 college students were asked to write down the most beautiful word in the English language. 422 of them wrote the word "mother".

Read the Newspaper from Mother's Day (my mom)

END Part 1 5/8/22—Mother's Day

## Mother's Day Part 2 (May 2023) Notes

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### (1 Kings 3:16-27) Two harlots stand before King Solomon

**1 Kings 3:26** Then spake the woman whose the **living child** was unto the king, for **her bowels yearned upon her son**, and she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, but divide it.

### III. Develop Christian Character: Titus chapter 2 continues: be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands

A husband and wife had a fight, so the wife called up her mom and said, "He fought with me again, and I am coming to live with you." Mom said, "No, darling, he must pay for his mistake. I am coming to live with you."

A. **Be Discreet.** Prudent; wise in avoiding errors or evil, and wise in selecting the best means to accomplish a purpose; circumspect; cautious; wary; not rash.

The young woman is to think about what she is doing with her life. The Cretans were known for their lack of self-control. A woman is supposed to plan how she presents herself cautiously.

**1 Timothy 2:9-10** In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; **10** But (which becometh women professing godliness) **with good works.**

#### B. **Be Chaste.**

- This relates to a commitment to one's marriage vows.
- This relates to spiritual influence in the home.

**1 Peter 3:1-2** Likewise, ye **wives, be in subjection to your own husbands**; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; **2** While they behold your **chaste conversation** coupled with fear.

- This relates to the image of purity. Christian women are to be chaste, modest, pure in heart and mind. Think in terms of speech, dress, and all relationships. Every Christian mother needs to pass these traits on to her children.

**1 Peter 3:3-5** Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; **4** But let it be the hidden man of the

heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. 5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

**Philippians 4:8** Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, **think on these things.**

C. **Keepers at Home** In the time of Titus, some false teachers were dividing families with their teachings. Many worldly elements work against families today. The Bible does not prohibit women working outside the home, but the home must always take a position of priority. Christian homes are developed; they do not just happen.

Barclay in his Bible Commentary wrote: **"It is the simple fact that there is no greater task, responsibility and privilege in this world than to make a home."**

D. **Be Good.** Kindness deals with doing good, being benevolent toward others, with hospitality. Having a giving heart.

**Hebrews 13:16** But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

E. **Submit to Your Husband.** God has created an order which includes a male 'headship'; not of authority....but of responsibility and loving care. (John Stott). "Where love and mutual respect rule the home there will be little problem with submission on the part of the wife...The husband is not a dictator, but he exercises his headship primarily by service. This is the same way that Jesus expressed his headship over the church." (Bruce Stewart).

**Ephesians 5:21** Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

The Bible records many examples of women

**Romans 16:1-2** I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea: 2 That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for **she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also.**

**Succourer** is one who affords relief; a helper; a deliverer.

F. These character qualities are quite different than what was common among the Cretans, and they are not as common today.

Conclusion:

I heard about a little boy sitting on his front steps with his face cradled in his hands, looking so forlorn. His dad came home just then and asked him what was wrong. The little boy looked up and said, "Well, just between us, Dad, I'm having trouble getting along with your wife, too!"

**The Mom Ministry** is one of the toughest assignments God ever gave anybody!

Moms must be:

- As discerning as a psychologist,
- As tough as a marine corps drill instructor,
- yet gentle as a nurse.
- She's got to be a labor and management negotiator.
- A teacher, an electrician, a plumber and a carpenter.

It requires an endless supply of energy, a massive amount of patience, an iron will, and recognition that she must get well before the end of the school day when she gets sick.