



Trans-Generational Values

Mother's Day Sermon 2014

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Titus 2:3-5



INTRODUCTION:

I. The **Trust** (2:3)

- Before any young lady is going to hear you say "you ought to be like this," they have a right to determine whether or not they want to be like **you!**

II. The Testimony (2:3)

A. Godly **Living** (2:3; Ruth 3:11)

B. Godly **Speech** (2:3; 1 Tim. 3:11)

QUOTE: The Holy Spirit also desires to develop sincerity in older women. They are to be "not false accusers." The word translated "false accusers" is *diabolos*, which occurs thirty-eight times in the New Testament and is usually translated "devil." Thirty-four of those times it refers to Satan. Once it refers to the traitor Judas, who became Satan's emissary ([John 6:70](#)).

Evidently, therefore, slander is the work of the Devil. The word *diabolos* implies a verbal assault. Nothing could be more destructive of harmony in a local church than a few older women hurling **slanderous** remarks against various people in the fellowship. *John Phillips Commentary Series*

C. Godly **Appetites** (2:3; 1 Tim. 3:8; Prov. 20:1)

- Wine was a real problem in the early church.
- We can tell that by how many times he addresses the issue in his letters.

III. The Teaching (2:3; 1 Tim. 5:13-15)

A. Her **Habit** of Teaching

- Her life lessons are not kept in her own heart.
- She wants to share what she has learned not to do, what she has learned to do, with a generation following.

B. The **Content** of Her Teaching (1 Kg. 22:52; 2 Ch. 22:3; Pr. 31:1)

QUOTE: It is not only that the older women should show the younger mothers how to keep **house**, but that they put within their hearts and minds the right spiritual and mental **attitudes**. *BEC*

IV. The **Target** (2:4)

A. Requires **Respect**

B. Requires **Relationship**

QUOTE: It is sad that some people have with them at all times a bucket of cold water to pour onto the dreams and aspirations of the **young**. How refreshing is the older woman that says, "This is what is good, I have done it, this is how it has helped me, here is how you can do it and here is how it will benefit you." *lkw*

V. The **Task** (2:4-5)

A. Relating to the **Head**

1. **Sober** *sōphranizo* – to make of a **sound** mind, discipline, correct.
2. **Discreet** *sōphrōn* – safe or sound in mind, self-**controlled** (moderate as to opinion or passion).

B. Relating to the **Heart**

QUOTE: The Christian home was a totally new thing, and young women saved out of paganism would have to get accustomed to a whole new set of priorities and privileges. *BEC*

1. **Love their husbands**

QUOTE: Three little words, *I love you*, can ease a couple through many stormy seas. As someone has said, "*I* is the **subject**, *you* is the **object**, and there is nothing between but

love. " Love affects the look, the tone of voice, and the touch of the hand. Love is accompanied by an attitude of willing, joyful service and personal, caring solicitude. Such love is a commodity made in heaven, a balm for all of earth's woes, and a sure remedy when all else fails. *Phillips*

2. Love their children

QUOTE: In these permissive days, it is necessary to speak plainly. A child who has unacceptable behavior without **consequences** will result in a parent without **control**.

3. Good *agathos* – Good in the general sense. One who benefits. One who acts or does well.

QUOTE: "Good" ([Titus 2:5](#)) can be translated "kind." She does not rule her household with an iron hand, but practices "the law of **kindness**" ([Prov. 31:26](#)). *BEC*

C. Relating to **Holiness**

Chaste *hagnos*. Clean, innocent, modest, **pure**.

- In light of what we know of the Cretans, their newly converted girls would need much instruction.

D. Relating to the **Home**

1. **Keepers at Home** *oikourgos* Guarder of the home, stay-at-home, **domestically** inclined, a good housekeeper.

QUOTE: She who takes offense at the term "domestic" or to the domestic role that God has assigned to her, knows nothing of the Biblical view of godly womanhood. lkw

QUOTE: "Keepers at home" does not suggest that her home is a prison where she must be kept! "Caring for the home" is the idea. "Guide the house," Paul wrote ([1 Tim. 5:14](#)). The wise husband allows his wife to manage the affairs of the household, for this is her **ministry**. *Bible Exposition Commentary*

2. **Obedient to their own husbands** *hupotasso* To subordinate, be **subject** to, to submit oneself to, to line up under one.

ILLUSTRATIVE USES (Lk. 2:51; Rom. 8:7; 13:1; Eph. 5:24; Jam. 4:7; 1 Cor. 11:3)

QUOTE: "But you don't know my husband," some wives plaintively complain. Maybe we don't, but God does. And that is what matters. These rules are not ours; they are not even the apostle Paul's. They are God's rules and must not be changed. *John Phillips Commentary*

VI. The **Tragedy** (2:5)

Blasphemed *blasphemeō* To vilify, speak impiously, defame, rail on, revile, speak evil.

- When the unconverted see those who claim to be followers of light and love, fall into darkness and hate, it puts the source of light and love into darkness in their minds.

CONCLUSION

- These are life lessons that are as much **CAUGHT** as they are **TAUGHT!**

QUOTE: The true female victims today are not women who are willingly bound by love to the Lord, to their husbands, and to their children. The true victims are rather those women who have been deceived by unbiblical and satanic feminist ideas about being liberated from God and from the home. *MacArthur New Testament Commentary*

