

AGED WOMEN ARE TO TEACH YOUNGER WOMEN

Titus 2: 3 - 5

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INTRODUCTION

1. Paul commanded the aged women to teach the younger women.
2. It should be the desire of the young women to learn from the teaching of the older women.
3. The older women have been over the same road, and can give much good teaching to the younger women.
4. Let us study what the older women are to teach the younger. . .

I. "TO BE SOBER"

1. To be "*self-possessed*", "*without excesses of any kind*".
2. To have at all times the complete control of all the faculties of mind and body.
3. She is not to be frivolous or worldly minded.
4. She is not to be extravagant -- I Tim. 2:9
5. She is not to act from impulse or passion.

II. "LOVE THEIR HUSBANDS"

1. A man needs the love, care and encouragement of his wife.
2. A wife that loves her husband seeks his best interest in all things -- Prov. 31:1
3. This word "LOVE" carries with it the idea of "affection" -- she is to be an affectionate wife; tender, loving.
4. She is to show her husband conjugal affection -- I Cor. 7: 3 - 5; Prov. 5: 15 - 19
 - (1) I Pet. 3:7 -- "*Husbands cohabit with your wives according to knowledge*"
5. A loving wife is:
 - (1) A blessing to her husband -- Prov. 18:22 "*Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord.*"; Prov. 12:4 "*A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband;*"
 1. She gives him a place of respect -- Prov. 31: 23 "*Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.*"
 2. She secures his confidence -- Prov. 31: 21 "*The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.*"
 3. She earns his praises -- Prov. 31:28 "*He praiseth her*"
6. When a man and woman love each other, contentment will prevail and they will be happy even if they have little.
7. A man who is married to a hateful, unloving wife will live a miserable life.
 - (1) Prov. 25:24
 - (2) Prov. 21:19
 - (3) Prov. 30: 23

(4) Prov. 17:17

(5) Prov. 27: 15

8. What a few sweet words can do.

(1) Prov. 16:24

(2) Prov. 15:1

III. LOVE THEIR CHILDREN

1. Love for our children is measured by the degree of hatred that we feel toward things that would harm them.

2. If we love them we shall most surely hate anything that would warp their minds and destroy their souls.

3. Love for our children will cause us to chasten them -- Heb. 12: 6, 9

(1) Prov. 3:12

(2) Prov. 22:15

(3) Prov. 23: 13 - 14

4. Love will cause us to teach them about the Lord and His ways -- Eph. 6:4

IV. BE DISCREET

1. To be discreet shows wise control over speech and over one's actions.

2. She shows discretion in public life, in the home and in spiritual relationships in the church.

V. BE CHASTE

1. A woman who is chaste is pure.

2. She is free from obscenity in language and life.

3. She is chaste:

(1) In language -- Eph. 5:4; 4:29

(2) In dress -- I Tim. 2: 9 - 10

(3) In movement -- Isa. 3:16

4. The chaste woman is one free from vulgarity.

5. One who is faithful to her husband.

VI. A KEEPER AT HOME

1. God wills that woman should rule the household -- I Tim. 5:14

2. The home cannot be controlled by "remote control".

3. She is to be prudent in running the affairs of the home -- "*And a prudent wife is from the Lord*" --Prov. 19:14

(1) Uses wisdom in practical affairs; care and caution.

VII. GOOD

1. "Kindness" is the idea.

2. Women are to be kind and thoughtful in their family relationship.

3. Prov. 31: 26

VIII. OBEDIENT TO THEIR OWN HUSBANDS

1. Following orders; submission to authority; the act of obeying commands; willing submission to control.

(1) Gen. 3:16

(2) Eph. 5: 22 - 23

(3) I Pet. 3: 1, 6

CONCLUSION

1. If we fail to live right in the home, the word of God is blasphemed.

2. The world is watching how we live in the home.

3. It is a great testing ground.

4. Here is where we fail many times in our duty.