

DOING GOOD: "Young and In Love, Part 2"

QUALITIES OF A GODLY YOUNG WOMAN (TITUS 2:3-5)

- A. Her **Counsel**: *"that they admonish the young women"* (v.3)
- Younger women must not be **controlled by their emotions**.
- B. Her **Care**: *"to love their husbands, to love their children"* (v.4)
- To be a "husband-lover" and "children-lover" is not merely a natural emotion, it is a **spiritual discipline** that can be *taught, learned and acquired*.
 - This is not an emotion that wells up, it is a discipline that is worked out.
- C. Her **Chastity**: *"to be discreet, chaste"* (v.5)
- Discreet** – "self-controlled" (ESV); it means to act prudently, to react wisely.
 - Chaste** – "pure" (ESV); originally spoke of "ritual cleanliness in relation to temple worship", over time took on the more general idea of moral faithfulness and sexual purity.
- D. Her **Commitment**: *"homemakers"* (v.5)
- "Workers at home" (NASB): This statement does not mean "kept at home": i.e., does not prohibit a woman working outside of the home (Proverbs 31:13-18).
 - Speaks of a **core commitment to be** "managers of the home"; to put her energy into her home.

"In domestic matters I defer to Katie; Otherwise I am led by the Holy Ghost." (Martin Luther)

- E. Her **Competence**: *"good"* (v.5)
- "kind" (ESV) – characterized by a certain moral quality of excellence: *"Capable, fit for the task"*.
- F. Her **Compliance**: *"obedient to their own husbands"* (v.5)
- "submissive to their own husbands" (ESV) – a military term meaning to "come under rank"; to recognize the husband as a God-given authority.
 - Middle voice – speaks of a person acting on one's self, meaning that submission is voluntary, given freely. Submission is not to be forced or coerced by the husband.

What Submission is NOT :	What Submission IS :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A cultural mandate ○ Submission to men in general (Islamic view) ○ Statement of inferiority (1 Cor 11:3) ○ Silence or passivity ○ Acceptance of physical or psychological abuse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Acceptance of a God-given function ○ Willingness to let the husband lead ○ A call to prioritize the husband's priorities ○ A spirit of obedience and attitude of respect (1 Pet 3:5-6) ○ Not being "sassy": a godly wife knows how to share her opinions with wisdom

- G. Her **Concern**: *"that the word of God may not be blasphemed"* (v.5)
- A young woman who lives out these priorities becomes a godly testimony for the gospel in a watching world.

Sermon Application Questions

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REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

PERSONAL RESPONSES

1 In the sermon, Pastor Philip stated, "this text [Titus 2:3-5] will test the commitment of this church to be biblical in this society."

1 Why do you think Pastor Philip made such a strong statement on this passage? What are some reasons why Titus 2:3-5 is so counter-cultural?

2 Review the seven priorities of a godly young woman in Titus 2:3-5: Her counsel, her care, her chastity, her commitment, her competence, her compliance, and her concern.

2 Which of these priorities do you think is the most challenging for a young woman to live out today? How can older women in the church be an encouragement to younger women in this area?

DIGGING DEEPER

1 Take some time and reflect on some of the key passages related to this week's sermon. Ask the Lord for help in making application of these truths to your life.

1 Corinthians 11:3

But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.

Ephesians 5:22-24

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

Ephesians 5:33

However, let each of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Colossians 3:18-19

Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.

1 Peter 3:1-6

Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, when they see your respectful and pure conduct. Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear—but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening.

2

Read Proverbs 31:10-31. What are some of the practical ways that the woman in this passage builds up her home? How does this passage shed light on Paul's instruction to younger women in Titus 2:3-5?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

1

Choose **one** of the seven priorities taught to us by Pastor Philip in Titus 2:3-5.

- A. To **older women**: what are the lessons, applications and insights that you have learned about this priority that would be useful to a younger woman?

- B. To **younger women**: what are some ways that practical encouragement or wise counsel from an older woman would benefit you in this area of your life?

- C. To **men**: how can men in the church encourage younger women to fulfill God's priorities in their lives?

2

Reflect on Paul's purpose statement in Titus 2:5 – "that the word of God may not be reviled." How do the qualities of Titus 2:3-5 establish a godly testimony for the gospel? Write out a prayer of devotion that your life would be a godly testimony of Christ before a watching world.

*"Women are abandoning their husbands and their children.
Some of them murdering them in their womb.
They're having sexual liasions before marriage and outside of marriage.
They're pursuing careers to the detriment of their homes. . .
but don't you be that, ladies. . .
Live out the word of God." (Philip De Courcy)*