

Magnolia Missionary Baptist Church of Beaumont
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The Epistle of Paul to Titus

Titus—*Believer, Servant, Partner*—Fellow-worker, a *Leader* to **The Church of GOD** in Crete...

As we continue with Chapter 2: 3... Remember Paul is *instructing* and *encouraging* Titus, as he addresses “*the problem of disorder*” in **The Church** at Crete and *teaching* on how to “*equip*” leaders for godly living.

Specific instructions are given to four Groups within The Church:

1. The Matured Saints. *Mature, teleios* (tel'-i-os), are those who have gone through the necessary stages to reach the *end-goal*, i.e. those who have *developed* into a *consummating completion* (spiritual godly journey).
2. The Young Men and Women.
3. The Servants.

The goal for all **CHRISTIANS** is that their *conduct* never *undermines* **The TRUTH** or, **The Attractiveness of The Gospel of JESUS CHRIST** to unbelievers.

Our last focus of Leadership was on “*The Matured Women*: Holy; not to be False Accusers, not to be given over too much wine, to be teachers of good things...

Tonight, the focus is on, The Behavior of *Younger Women* (Titus 2: 3, 4)

[*Women, gune'*, (goo- nay') who were new **CHRISTIANS** were to learn how to have harmony in the home by watching Older, *Mature Women* (Mother, Grandmother) who had been **CHRISTIANS** for some time.]

Younger wives and *mothers* should learn to live in a **CHRISTIAN** manner—loving their husbands and caring for their children—through observing exemplary **Women of GOD**; motivating *Younger Women* to live in a way that's pleasing to **GOD**.

Eight traits...

1. Younger Women are to be Sober... that is, not the absence of intoxicating substances, but instead, the presence of a soundness of thought(s). *Nepho*, (nay-fo), meaning to be free from illusion, from the intoxicating influences of *sin* (like the impacts of selfishness, greed, lust, etc. To have “one's wits” (faculties) about them.

Three times here in Titus Paul says to Titus, as you look for Leadership in **The Church**, look for “the *Sober-minded*,” **CHRISTIAN**... those who “guard their minds and habits...

Read I Peter 1: 13 – the Biblical images... men wore long, flowing robes. When they needed to get someplace quickly, they had to pull up (“gird”) their robes to avoid tripping over them.

The lesson to be learn of *Younger Women*—pay attention to how you live; stay away from any pattern or thought or behavior that would trip you up or hinder your progress in **The FAITH**.

[This is not just for *Young Men, Young Women*, but *All*—Pastor-Teachers, Matured Men, Women, Younger Women—no matter the age, gender, or position—*All* who have experienced **The GRACE of GOD.**]

Read Romans 12: 3; I Thessalonians 5: 6, 8; I Timothy 3: 2.

2. *Young Woman* are to love their Husbands. Note: These *Young Women* Paul is speaking of to Titus is *Young Women*, that are in a *Young marriage*. The only way a *Young married* couple can become united and bound together and have the kind of life **GOD** ordains and **The Church** needs is by one of two things: 1. **GOD'S Ordinance** for Marriage. 2. *Loving* each Other.

Love her Husband...

- with a selfless and unselfish love
- with a giving and sacrificial love
- with a quiet and peaceable love
- with a love of the will as well as of the heart
- with a love of commitment as well as of affection

The Greek word used here for *Love* is *phileo*, stressing, affection, care, tenderness, warmth, and feelings. Such Love is best shown as one is filled with *Agape*, **The GOD** kind of Love).

Young Women, Love and Learn to Love your Husbands...

Read Ephesians 5: 28 *this applies to Wives as well*; Colossians 3: 19; Genesis 29: 20;

Song of Solomon 8: 7

3. *Young Women* are to Love their Children. There is no greater Call or task on earth than that of being a Mother. {She nurtures her child; put that child to bed; hear that child say their prayers, protects the child} We are faced with two major problems: “Child abuse” and “Putting Profession before Children...”

Most animals will fight and die to protect their young. But some mothers and father are so depraved that they lose all respect and love for their own flesh and blood—their children.

Mothering is a full-time twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, calling.

No other can love the child like a Mother. No other can train and discipline the child as a Mother. No person can take the place of The Mother. Therefore, Mothers should love their children above fame, fortune, beauty, houses, or social prestige.

Read 2 Timothy 1: 5; Proverbs 19: 18; Proverbs 22: 6; Proverbs 22: 15; Proverbs 23: 13