

Our feminized-intoxicated culture has taken up arms in an all out war against God, and His Word, and His Created Order for men and for women. Yes, it’s an all-out war! What are we going to do? How are we going to actively, intentionally, & biblically engage this? We must prepare.

Parents cannot fall into:

1. Selfishness – thinking of self
2. Self-indulgence – doing what self wants
3. Negligence – hands off [they’ll figure it out]
4. Passivity – taking things as they come/being reactive.

God made woman, so God alone determines what it *means* to be a woman & the *role* of the woman to fulfill. God is The Authority, not man!

“The world looks for happiness through self-assertion. The Christian knows that joy is found in self-abandonment. ‘If a man will let himself be lost for my sake, then he will find his true self.’ A Christian woman’s true freedom lies on the other side of a very small gate — Humble obedience — but that gate leads out into a largeness of life undreamed of by the liberators of the world (our culture), to a place where the God-given differentiation between the sexes is not obfuscated but celebrated, where our inequalities are seen as essential to the image of God, for it is in male and Female, in male as male and female as female, not as two identical and interchangeable halves, that the image of God is manifested.” (Elizabeth Elliot)

- What is it that prompts a young woman to give her life for the Lord?
 1. A Towering View of God’s Glory
 2. A Satisfied Taste of Christ’s Love
 3. A Singular Ambition from God’s Spirit
 4. A Full-fledged Reliance on Holy Scripture
 5. An Eternal Mindset of a Soul’s Worth

“Biblical womanhood clashes with prevailing notions of femininity. The Bible insists that women will find freedom, joy and liberation not in casting off God’s design, but in embracing it. Of course, this is true not just with gender roles, but in our whole lives as Christians: we find all that our hearts seek not in rejecting biblical wisdom, but in allowing it to reshape us.... To be a woman is to support, to nurture, and to strengthen men in order that they would flourish and fulfill their God-given role as leaders.” (Owen Strachen)

Titus 2:4-5 will guide us as to how and what we should teach our younger women regarding biblical womanhood & biblical femininity.

Titus 2:4 -- we are to “encourage” the young women [NASB].

The word means to urge, train, teach, admonish, school; to strongly encourage with purpose.

- So, we must, then, be intent to encourage, to train, to bring to their senses, to think rightly; to hold on to their duty; to think rightly & live soberly accordingly to what they know to be right (from Scripture).
- Our young women must learn to live by what they *KNOW* is true & not live by how they **FEEL** in a moment.
- **Feminism** is a feelings-oriented, self-focused, pridefully-driven way of life;
- **Biblical femininity** is a Truth-oriented, God-focused, Spirit/Scripture-led way of life!

From Titus 2, our young women must be taught in 3 primary realms (*domestic* life, *personal* life, *spiritual* life).

I. IN THEIR DOMESTIC LIFE

1. love their husbands

2. love their children

3. submissive to their own husbands (5b)

You don't need a Master's Degree to figure out what it means to love your husband, love your children, and work at home. How hard is that? By the way, there are no qualifiers there, no caveats, no footnotes. It's just what it says. Go home, submit to your husband, have children, raise them in godliness, take care of your house. And that's what older women are to teach younger women, they're to teach it not only with their mouth, they're to teach it with their life.

(John MacArthur)

II. IN THEIR PERSONAL LIFE

1. Sensible

2. Pure

3. Kind

III. IN THEIR **SPIRITUAL** LIFE (v.5)

- “so that...” — the Word will not be dishonored. So that God's Truth won't be discredited; so as to not bring shame upon the Word; so that no one can say anything 'insulting' about the Word.

A woman can be a woman of strength (Prov 31:10)

- But, her strength flourishes as she loves & lives out God's plan for her as a woman, as revealed in Scripture!
- A woman's beauty & strength radiates in her fear of the Lord, her softness, her inner beauty of a quiet & gentle spirit, her purity & modesty in dress, her help to men, her respect for & submission to her husband if married, and her life giving, nurturing instinct!

So then, we could rightly affirm the following:

- ✓ A woman's strength comes in her UNCOMPLAINING SUBMISSION.
- ✓ A woman's dignity thrives in her GOD-PURSUING OBEDIENCE.
- ✓ A woman's honor excels in her HARD-WORKING ROLE/FUNCTION.
- ✓ A woman's work flourishes in her STEADFAST FAITHFULNESS.
- ✓ A woman's glory triumphs in her GOD-FEARING REVERENCE.
- ✓ A woman's legacy advances in her BIBLICAL CHILDREARING.
- ✓ A woman's crown adorns in her HEAVENWARD ORIENTATION.

Titus 2:4-5 — “Biblical Womanhood & Teaching Our Girls to Be Women & Embrace Biblical Femininity!”**A biblical woman’s perspective on submission:**

“Christians—both men and women—recognize first the authority of Christ. They pray ‘Thy will be done.’ They set about making an honest effort to cooperate with what He is doing, straightening out the kinks in their own lives according to his wishes. A Christian woman, then, in submission to God, recognizes the divinely assigned authority of her husband (he didn’t earn it, remember, he received it by appointment). She then sets about lending her full strength to helping him do what he’s supposed to do, be what he’s supposed to be—her head. She’s not always trying to get her own way. She’s trying to make it easier for him to do his job. She seeks to contribute to his purpose, not scheme how to accomplish her own.” (Elizabeth Elliot)

A passionate call to study the inspired Scripture (first and foremost!) to understand biblical womanhood:

“Let me exhort you not only to study the Scriptures, to learn the way of salvation through faith in Christ Jesus, but to study them, in order to form your own character as women, by their precepts and their examples. Many and precious are the volumes that have been written for your benefit by your own sex. Female pens have been most happily and usefully employed in delineating female excellence, in writings which you would do well to read. But after all, there is no guide for the formation of female character, morally or spiritually considered, like the inspired one. A woman unacquainted with the Bible, and ignorant of its contents, as affecting her own conduct, character, and history, has yet to know the finest patterns of female loveliness. The Bible is the best mirror by which most accurately to know what you are, and to become what you should be; before which you may adjust all the moral clothings of the soul, and from which you may go forth adorned with all the beauties of holiness, clothed with the garment of purity, and decorated with the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit.” (John Angell James)

The importance of godly character in biblical womanhood:

The most precious earthly treasure a girl can have, is character. Her character is what she really is. If she will look beyond what she appears to be, and what people think of her – and look at her heart fairly and honestly, judging herself by the standards of right and wrong to which her own conscience gives sanction – then she can know whether she has a good character. Remember, many things that are fun – end in wrong! Much that seems pleasurable – after awhile comes to be evil! Everything like this should be rejected without hesitation. To do right will often cost a struggle – but it is always worth the effort. We dare not allow ourselves to be continually guided by what others do. Christ is our Perfect Pattern, and only those who form their lives after Him, are building the best character. He is the one great Pattern for us, His children. (Mabel Hale)

The dazzling sparkle that biblical femininity proves to be in godly woman in a dark and depraved culture:

Like the diamond, also, womanhood of this type shines the most brightly in the darkness. The noble woman is beautiful in the light—in the time of joy, in the brightness of prosperity, in the midst of earthly gladness. She shines then in her home, among her friends, wherever she goes. But it is only in time of trial, that the most precious things in her nature appear. Like those precious stones, too, the rich luster of her life is not dimmed by time and its experiences. Sorrow comes upon her—but it makes her beauty of soul only the more radiant. Care comes to her—toil, burden bearing, responsibility, sometimes poverty, pinching want, loss—but amid it all, she moves victorious, unfretted in spirit, keeping faith, her face shining still with its sacred inner light. And she works good works. There ought to be sweet encouragement in this, for every woman who is trying to live a life of loving service for Christ. No one knows what the final outcome will be of the smallest thing done in love, for one of Christ’s little ones in the Master’s name. (J.R. Miller)

THE CHRISTIAN HOME

<i>O give us homes built firm upon the Savior, Where Christ is Head, and Counsellor and Guide; Where ev’ry child is taught His love and favor And gives his heart to Christ, the crucified: How sweet to know that tho’ his footsteps waver His faithful Lord is walking by his side!</i>	<i>Whose calm and courage trouble cannot dim; A home where each finds joy in serving others, And love still shines, tho’ days be dark and grim.</i>
<i>O give us homes with godly fathers, mothers, Who always place their hope and trust in Him; Whose tender patience turmoil never bothers,</i>	<i>O give us homes where Christ is Lord and Master, The Bible read, the precious hymns still sung; Where prayer comes first in peace or in disaster, And praise is natural speech to ev’ry tongue; Where mountains move before a faith that’s vaster, And Christ sufficient is for old and young.</i>