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Sermon Series: God's Plan and Purposes for Marriage

Message 8. Qualities for Older and Younger Women – Titus 2:3-5

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Introduction – Paul is giving Titus instructions so that in his pastoral ministry on the Island of Crete he might be able to teach and instruct the church in righteousness. In chapter 2 verse 1, he tells Titus to “speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine.” Proof of right teaching is right living, so in the verses that follow, Paul focuses on the qualities or characteristics that would be evident in the life of faithful disciples. He includes qualities for older men and women and younger men and women in the church.

- I. Proper for Sound Doctrine – vs. 1
 - A. Proper – fitting, that is, it fits – “Sound doctrine looks like this _____.”
 - B. Sound – healthy, figuratively accurate
 - C. Doctrine – teaching or instruction – 2 Tim. 3:16
- II. Qualities for Older Women – vs. 3
 - A. Older
 1. Past child bearing years
 2. Sixty years or older – 1 Tim. 5:9
 3. In the NT, older women ministered by
 - a. Teaching other women
 - b. Visiting the sick and those in prison
 - c. Providing hospitality to travelers
 - d. Rescuing discarded infants for adoption in the church
 - B. Teachers of Good Things – vs. 3
 1. Reverent in Behavior – Holiness
 - a. Anna - Luke 2:37-38
 - b. Modesty - 1 Tim 2:9-10
 2. Not Slanderers
 - a. Malicious Gossips - refusing to listen to, allow, or spread lies
 - b. *Diabolos* - Slanderer, False Accuser, used 34x of Satan in NT
 3. Not Addicted to Wine
 - a. *Douloo* - enslaved, controlled by
 - b. Not a Drunkard - Eph. 5:17-21
 - C. Women Should Be Taught in the Church – 1 Tim. 2:11-12
 1. In Jewish society women were not taught by many rabbis
 2. In other cultures women were even seen as property
 3. Christ Elevated Women! – 1 Peter 3:7 “joint heirs of the grace of life”
 4. Learning with Quiet Submission in Worship
 - a. Extreme #1 - Women can Teach and Preach in any Position in the Church as long as she has a Proper Attitude
 - b. Extreme #2 - Women cannot Utter a Word in the Church Service (prayer, teaching, preaching, singing)
 - c. Explained in verse 12
 - 1) Paul does not, in every circumstance, forbid a woman to teach - Aquila and Priscilla taught Apollos in their home - Acts 18:26
 - 2) Paul does forbid a woman to hold the position of a pastor or elder in the church

- 3) Paul does forbid a woman to teach men in the Worship of the church as this would be usurping the authority of a role limited by the Scriptures to men
- 4) Explained in 1 Cor 14:33-38
 - a) Context - tongues and prophecy, teaching ministry of the church
 - b) Usurping Men's authority by asking disruptive questions while the Word is being taught

III. Qualities for Younger Women - vs. 4-5

A. Older women encourage younger women

1. Love their husbands
 - a. *Philandros* – attentiveness to the interests of the husband
 - b. Devoted affection, a loving disposition
 - c. Not based on the husband's worthiness – Matt. 5:46
2. Love their children
 - a. *Philoteknous* – attentive to meeting the needs of a child
 - b. “Be a loving mother”
3. Be Discreet - common sense and good judgment, sensible
4. Chaste - pure, moral and sexual purity
5. Homemakers - workers/keepers at home
 - a. Extreme #1 - Women can work wherever and however they want
 - b. Extreme #2 - Women cannot work outside the home under any circumstance
 - c. Explained - This does not mean a woman's place is in the home, it means her first responsibility is for the home/family - the Proverbs 31 woman was a busy wife, mother, minister, and business woman!
6. Good - kind, gentle, considerate
7. Obedient to their own husbands – Eph. 5:22-24
 - a. Extreme #1 - A woman can do whatever she wants with little or no regard for her husband and certainly she should not be told to "obey" him.
 - b. Extreme #2 - A woman must obey her husband's every command, even if told to disobey Scripture.
 - c. Extreme #3 - A woman must never submit to any man but her husband (submit to elders, to gov't, to others in the Body, to employers, etc.).
 - d. Explained – this is the word for submission (see sermon #6)

B. That the Word is not Blasphemed - vs. 5

1. A woman living contrary to these things dishonors God and His Word
2. An example - David and Bathsheba - 2 Sam. 12:9-14
3. Live to prove God's Word – Phil. 2:15; 1 Peter 2:11-12

C. Conclusion: God has designed roles within the family and the church for men and women.

1. Don't go to extremes
2. Seek to fulfill your role in obedience to God and His Word
3. “As is fitting to the Lord” – Col. 3:18 (fitting for sound doctrine)

Cross References

2 Timothy 3:16

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

1 Timothy 5:9

9 Do not let a widow under sixty years old be taken into the number, and not unless she has been the wife of one man,

Luke 2:37-38

37 and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. 38 And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

1 Timothy 2:9-10

9 in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, 10 but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.

Ephesians 5:17-21

17 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, 20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another in the fear of God.

1 Timothy 2:11-12

11 Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. 12 And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.

1 Peter 3:7

7 Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

Acts 18:26

26 So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

1 Corinthians 14:33-38

33 For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints. 34 Let your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but they are to be submissive, as the law also says. 35 And if they want to learn something, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is shameful for women to speak in church. 36 Or did the word of God come originally from you? Or was it you only that it reached? 37 If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord. 38 But if anyone is ignorant, let him be ignorant.

Matthew 5:46

46 For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?

Ephesians 5:22-24

22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. 24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

2 Samuel 12:9-14

9 Why have you despised the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in His sight? You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the people of Ammon. 10 Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.’ 11 Thus says the Lord: ‘Behold, I will raise up adversity against you from your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. 12 For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, before the sun.’ ” 13 So David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.” And Nathan said to David, “The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die. 14 However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child also who is born to you shall surely die.”

Philippians 2:15

15 that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

1 Peter 2:11-12

11 Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, 12 having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Colossians 3:18

18 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.