**The Need for Older Women**

**Introduction:**

The church so very much needs the wisdom and counsel of older women, women who have been married for many years and have raised a family, women who have worked outside the home at times in various careers, women who have taught Bible classes and helped the church in many different ways. God’s word exhorts older women to model godliness and instructs the younger women about what it means to be a Christian woman. In our text, the Bible reveals three aspects of Christian womanhood.

**Text:** Titus 2:3-5

**Body:**

1. **Modeling Godliness** Tutus 2:3 “the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things” – NKJV

* “Reverent” – Calling forth respect Her behavior and state of mind are suitable to holiness, like those in sacred service. She is to be a godly example of holiness. (Luke 2:37) “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.” NKJV It’s her character and faith that adorn her. (I Timothy 2:9-10) “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.” NKJV
* “Not slanderers” – Not malicious gossips She does not use her tongue to run others down. (Proverbs 10:18) “Whoever hides hatred has lying lips, And whoever spreads slander is a fool.” NKJV
* “Not given to much wine” – Having self-control These older women are to be models of temperance and self-control. They are to be sober minded, in control of their minds. They avoid trivial and foolish things. (I Peter 4:7) “But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.” NKJV
* “Teachers of good” – By advice and example she shows what is good, excellent; what provides a superior benefit. (Proverbs 1:8-9) “My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother; For they will be a graceful ornament on your head, And chains about your neck.” NKJV The older women must be in order that they may do good works.

1. **Training the Younger Women** Titus 2:4-5a “that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands,” NKJV

* “Train” – Give instruction in wise behavior and good judgment
* “Love husbands” – Be the companion that God meant you to be. (Genesis 2:18) “And the Lord God said, ‘It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.’ ” NKJV This love includes devotion and friendship. If you gripe about his bad habits, you are not loving him! Here are some ways a wife can love her husband:
  + Use a kind tone of voice.
  + Have positive body language.
  + Have a gentle touch.
  + Have a listening ear.
  + Share quality time.
  + Speak well of him.
  + Apologize when needed.

Whenever the community learns of a Christian family falling apart, it hurts the church’s influence.

* “Love the children” – Motherhood is a high and holy calling. Love takes deliberate effort. Time spent with children is never wasted. Note Paul’s advice in I Timothy 5:14. “Therefore I desire that the younger widows marry, bear children, manage the house, give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully.” NKJV When it comes to loving their children, I Corinthians 13:4-7 is an excellent text. “Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” NKJV
* “Self-controlled” – Sensible, balanced, discrete, not a woman of extremes!
* “Pure” – Modest, chaste

(I Peter 3:1-2) “Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear.” NKJV

* “Working at home” – Looks after domestic affairs; has primary care of day-to-day activities of the home. She is to guard the priority of the home. It is not to take a backseat to anything.
* “Kind” – A nice person to be around, pleasant, not rude or ugly in attitude (Proverbs 31:26) “She opens her mouth with wisdom, And on her tongue is the law of kindness.” NKJV
* “Submissive to their husbands” – This is God’s design for the home. (Ephesians 5:22-23) “Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.” NKJV Submission does not imply inferiority. See I Peter 3:3-6. “Do not let your adornment be merely outward – arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel – rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.” NKJV

1. **The Christian Woman’s Motivation** Titus 2:5b “that the word of God may not be blasphemed.” NKJV

* Why should Christian women exhibit these qualities of character? So the word will not be reviled or blasphemed or dishonored.
* A godly woman brings glory to God. (Proverbs 31:30-31) “Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, But a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, And let her own works praise her in the gates.” NKJV

**Conclusion:**

Ladies, what difference can one woman make? All the difference in the world! She can impact generations to come.

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