

INSTRUCTION FOR YOUNGER WOMEN

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*Text: Titus 2:4-5**¹ But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:...**⁴ That they [the aged women] may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, ⁵ To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.***Introduction**

- The words “to be sober” is part the Greek *sōphronizō*, i.e. “to make one wise, or to teach wisdom.”
- The older women are to teach the younger women wisdom by their godly example and counsel.
- This wisdom or sobermindedness manifests itself in 7 ways.

1. Love their Husbands

- a. *philandros* = *philos* (friend) + *anēr* (husband).
- b. The wife ought naturally to love her husband as her friend, but...

2. Love their Children

- a. *philoteknos* = *philos* (friend) + *teknon* (child).
- b. It is natural for mother to love their children, but...

3. Discreet

- a. “Discreet” translates *sōphrōn* (which is related *sōphronizō*, i.e. “teach to be sober”). So to be discreet is to be wise, of sound mind, sober, self-controlled or “temperate” (v. 2).
- b. “Many expose themselves to fatal temptations by that which at first might be but indiscretion” (MH). “Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee” (Prov 2:11).

4. Chaste

- a. Chaste translates *hagnos*. It speaks of being pure and modest in heart, demeanour, speech and behaviour.
- b. Indiscretion often leads to impurity or immodesty.

5. Keepers at Home

- a. *oikourgos* = *oikos* (house) + *ergou* (worker), so a “home worker” (see Robertson’s Word Pictures).
- b. “*I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully*” (1 Tim 5:14).

6. Good

- a. “Good” translates *agathas*, a very general word covering merciful, kind, gentle, considerate, loving, etc.
- b. Be a Dorcas, not a Jezebel.

7. Obedient to their own Husband

- a. “Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord” (Eph 5:22, 24; cf. Col 3:18).
- b. Remember SUBMIT.

Conclusion

...that the word of God be not blasphemed.

Q. Who is it who will blaspheme (speak evil of) the Word of God by the failures of young women?