

Directives for Godly Women

Mother's Day -- 2018

Titus 2:3-5

We classify this book as a “Pastoral Epistle” – because Paul gives to Titus, practical directives that must be imparted to the people of Crete

1:5 – *“that the things lacking you might go on to set right.”*

Elders – as opposed to those who oppose the faith (chapter 1)

Older men – not necessarily elders 2:1-2

Older women – how to live and what to teach 2:3-4a

Younger women – how they are to live 2:4b-5

Younger men – self-control – Titus as an example 2:6-7

I. The Older Women 3-4a

A. Reverent in Behavior (demeanor)

Church father Jerome says, *“their very walk and motion, their countenance, speech, and silence, may present a certain dignity of holy propriety.”*

- The mature Christian woman is called away from the slovenly and decadent ways of a world where there is no one to please but herself.
- She is to live as one who has constant access to the living God and one who is a worshipper of God.
- The older women are called upon to be a role model to the younger women, but if she does not have a life that truly speaks for God, she won't have anything worth emulating.

B. Not Slanderers

diabolous – the devil – the Slanderer.
Specifically – speaking evil about others.

There are over 100 Proverbs that speak about speaking!
James tells us life and death are in the power of the tongue.

C. Not Addicted (slaves) to Wine

A cultural issue (1:12-13) that is still relevant in our culture

- D. Teachers of what is Right (v. 3d)
School (train) the young Women (v. 4a)
-- By their godly example
-- By offering godly advice **when asked**
-- Be a mentor – as God so allows.

II. What the Younger Women need to Learn

(Remember -- it is not God's will for every woman or every man to get married.
There is the special calling of singleness in 1 Corinthians 7.)

A. To Love their Husbands, to Love their Children.

How do you show love?

Helping.

Spending time – being there – doing things together

Expressing appreciation and admiration.

Touching, hugging, kissing, physical contact.

Being concerned with their:

Opinions, feelings, interests, desires, likes dislikes, listening, sharing,

Loyalty, faithfulness, protection, trust, support, unselfishness,

Responsibly fulfilling promises, fulfilling commitments

Meeting material and physical needs, taking care of possessions

*The wise woman builds her house – but the foolish woman tears it down with her own hands! **Prov. 14:1***

B. To be Discreet, Chaste (self-controlled, pure)

C. To be Homemakers, Kind

D. Obedient to their own Husbands (submission)

We will deal with this issue next week at the 10am service. The key is that despised and often misunderstood word we read of elsewhere -- “submission”.

Submission does not mean inferiority – it is an attitude – a state of mind.

Closing Exhortation – 2:11-14

SUBMISSION

It does not mean inferiority.

IT is best understood as a STATE OF MIND.

It is an ATTITUDE that we should have – and submission extends to more than wives to their husbands.

Instead of being haughty.

Instead of seeking our own good.

Instead of looking out for NUMBER ONE.

We willingly and graciously submit to one another in the fear of God as we deal with our interpersonal relationships.

Have you ever dealt with someone who was only concerned with their own well-being?

They were going to get what they wanted, and they didn't care WHO they stepped on to get it.

That is THE OPPOSITE of submission.

CLOSE

Gospel application: 2:11-14

2:11 – not every single person individually – but Christ has now been revealed TO THE WORLD – to every nation, kindred, tribe and tongue.

It's grace – and it's not confined to ANY race.

2:12 – in this PRESENT age.

In the age to come – we will live perfectly.

We are to live perfectly TODAY. Perfection is the goal – anything less is sin, but thank the Lord – for the Christian – all our sins are covered by the blood of Christ – who is conforming us into His image by His Spirit.

2:13 – The final ending of all things – the return of the Lord.

This is a verse that has been taken different ways.

Is he talking of God the Father as the Great God and our Savior Jesus Christ.

Or is he attributing Deity to the Lord Jesus Christ by calling Him our Great God and Savior.

The latter is the most likely according to the common use of language.

The Father is our Great God – this is very true.
We could say THE SPIRIT is our Great God – and we would be right.

But it appears here – grammatically and theologically that Paul is saying Jesus Christ is our Great God AND Savior!

He gave Himself for us “HINA” – not “might” as in “maybe he will and maybe he won’t” but a PURPOSE CLAUSE.

Two aspects to the atonement.

1. Individually – Christ paid the price to redeem us from our sins.
2. Corporately – We are the people of God – we are His own special people!

To Him be ALL the glory.

PRAY