

Titus 2.1-5

God-Honoring Women, Wives & Mothers

Womanhood in general is maligned and disparaged in our culture. Motherhood and parenting are being actively attacked and dismantled. On nearly every front, we are told that they are unimportant, patriarchal institutions; we are instructed to be silent about and complicit with the attempts being made to readily replace parents with government schools and social conditioning. President Biden stated at the end of April:

"There is no such thing as someone else's child. No such thing as someone else's child. Our nation's children are all our children..."

His remarks echo what has been being pushed by the radical left for decades, Melissa Harris-Perry from MSNBC stated in 2016:

"We have never invested as much in public education as we should have because we've always had kind of a private notion of children. Your kid is yours and totally

your responsibility. We haven't had a very collective notion of these are our children,... So part of it is we have to break through our kind of private idea that kids belong to their parents, or kids belong to their families, and recognize that kids belong to whole communities..."

Women who want to be *Biblical* are demonized by the culture. Women who defend women's rights to raise her children, to be a mother and wife at best are considered ignorant and backwards, and at worst are considered dangerous... but all of this terrible, sinful ideology is completely counter to what the Bible consistently teaches about womanhood and family. The Bible offers praise and honor to motherhood, glory and purpose to womanhood that is written in the very code of our humanity.

I. GROUNDED IN SOUND DOCTRINE.

- A. We live our faith beginning in our home.
- B. Paul begins with speaking sound doctrine
- C. Paul ends with not allowing the word of God to be blasphemed.

D. How you live your life and how you obey God's commands will define how the world believes that we accept these things as truth.

II. WOMEN TEACH WOMEN TO BE WOMEN

- A. Girls spending time with women in general, with their mothers in particular is how little girls grow up to be women. They see what a woman is and learn how to BE a woman from those role models.
- B. Men are not qualified to teach a woman how to be a woman
- C. It follows as an aside, that men are not able to BE women.
- D. Men are men, women are women, God is God - and this is the core of the battle that rages around us in the culture. The very idea of gender fluidity is an assault on God and His right to BE God. His right and power to make us as He sees fit, to define us by our DNA, and by our God-given biology. At the heart of the fight it is always sin and rebellion. Do not drink that Kool-

Aid beloved, God has made us in His image, male and female He created us...

III. WOMEN TEACH WOMEN TO BE WIVES

A. To love their husbands

Philandrous - it means that because he is your husband, you **MUST** love him. Period. He is not worthy of that, neither are you. The covenant **IS** worthy of it. The covenant that bound you to him is a covenant made with God, and God is worthy **ALWAYS** of you keeping your promise.

B. To reserve themselves FOR their husbands

1. Dressing modestly
2. Being faithful
3. Being affectionate unto

C. To respect their husbands

1. He needs that honor, it strengthens him for the fight
2. To be a friend to him
3. To be his helpmate - you were created for him. God made you for him, and made him for you. There is NO ONE else who will ever be what you need. This mind must be in you always. Do not compare him to other men and desire him to be like them, instead fix your eyes on Christ and help him to be like HIM.

D. To submit to their husbands

1. Submission is not belittling. Recognizing and obeying the laws of God's creation is a blessing to all.

1Corinthians 11.7-12

- a) It is glorifying to everyone
- b) It is testifying to everyone, even the angels
- c) It is honoring to them and honoring to you.

- d) It ultimately allows us to give that honor to God.
2. It is a recognition of the authority under which we all live.
 3. It is ultimately submission to God

Ephesians 5.22-24

4. It is the structure that allows a society to exist, and function smoothly.
5. That structure begins in the home
 - a) Many people complain about the behavior of children
 - b) Most people understand at some level that crime is a destructive condition that is eroding our culture and our cities
 - c) Some people understand that the results of the policies that remove respect for authority and a rule of law only harm us all
 - d) The evidence is clear, that as we remove the foundation of the home and the fabric of the family as the core of life, we remove

the very architecture that allows us to have a society where people respect authority and a rule of law.

6. Children learn submission and respect from how their mothers submit to, and respect their fathers.

a) They also learn how good that dynamic can be when their fathers step up and honor God, living under His authority and fulfilling their responsibilities UNDER God's authority - but that is another sermon

IV. WOMEN TEACH WOMEN TO BE MOTHERS

A. To love their children

1. This word is philoteknous - loving them BECAUSE they are your children. It is rooted in your association with them and rooted in your responsibility TO them because of that association.

2. Love is less a feeling than it is a verb

3. Love desires and fights for what is actually BEST for someone

- a) This means discipline
- b) This means helping them understand truth, and helping them honor God with their choices.
- c) This means allowing them to have the consequences of their choices
- d) It also means that sometimes we must just do what is right on their behalf
- e) These choices are grounded in truth, in reality and in obedience to God

B. To teach their children submission and respect

C. To discipline them according to the Word of God

- 1. Teach them truth
- 2. Teach them the basic principles of living according to truth
- 3. Give them opportunity to respond to the truth in obedience

D. To model for your children what godly womanhood looks like

1Timothy 2:9–10 (NKJV)

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.

E. This fleshes out our command to model for your children what Christ being formed in us does in our lives, we adorn our lives with the good works that flow out of our love for Christ.

V. WOMEN TEACH WOMEN TO BE CHRISTLIKE

A. Discreet

1. To be aware of the demands of the situation and to behave in a sensible manner.
2. Sensible and moderate in your behavior
3. To let your mind guide your body and not your body guide your mind.

B. Chaste

1. To be pure and without moral defect
2. Without moral blemish
3. Without need for excuse
4. These go together in regards to character and testimony

C. Homemakers

1. One who works in the home
2. Caring for it,
3. caring for those who live in it
4. Not reaching for those roles which are reserved for men -

1Timothy 2.8-15

- a) You are not the head
- b) You are not designed to govern. You shape your world by shaping your children, by shaping your sons and daughters and by helping your husband to be the man God created him to be.

- c) This is not about worth, or value but about aptitude, about design and about purpose.
5. It is true that if men will stand up and be men, women will be free to be women.
- a) But it is also true that when you depend upon us to be what we are called to be, we are compelled to rise to the challenge. To be more for you, and to care for you by our growth and faithfulness.
- b) When you tell us that you don't need us, we respond by backing away... that is our sin, for the Christ honoring response is always to lean in and be more, do more, love more.
- c) Together, men and women have the power to help one another grow in grace and demonstrate to a ruined culture that God's way is best and that the results are always improved lives for everyone involved.

D. Good –

1. Positive moral qualities of the general nature
2. Usually this will involve others and seeing to their best good
3. It is given as an ongoing always happening thing.
4. It is the basic shape of life for those who are following after Christ.