

Sermon Outline May 12, 2013
"God's Call for Christian Women"

Titus 2:3-5

the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things--⁴ that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,⁵ to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed. (Titus 2:3-5 NKJ)

I. To be and not to be (behavior wise)

1. Be reverent in behavior (demeanor) befitting what is sacred, Temple behavior, behavior fitting for the presence of God!
2. Not slanderers *διάβολος*, don't be devils, accusers or given to much wine ...

II. To be relationally "teachers of good things"
καλοδιδάσκαλος beauty teachers, good teachers

This means they are to -

⁴ that they admonish the young women

urge the younger women (Titus 2:4 NIV)

teach the young women (Titus 2:4 KJV)

train the young women (Titus 2:4 ESV)

It means literally that older woman put sense into the younger women or they are to TRAIN to be SAIN

1. The first thing older women are to teach younger women to do is to love their husbands and children – to love their husbands, to love their children
 - A. This is not always easy, it is usually not, for both husbands and children are sinners.
 - B. This is something older women are to teach by example as well as with words.
 - C. This is something younger women are not likely to learn

anywhere else

2. The thing older women are to teach the younger is to be discreet / self-controlled.

This is the same thing the men were told to be –

The same Greek word is translated temperate for men, is here translated discreet for women.

3. Third older women are to teach younger women to be chaste / pure
Not only young married women, but single women and girls

4. They are teach homemaking

A. This is talking about practical skills

B. This speaks to particular roles for women that our world hates and demeans

C. Yet, these are the kinds of these that tend toward holding a family and not only a family, but churches and societies together.

5. They are to train the younger women to be "good" –

6. Lastly, "obedient to their own husbands"

How different from our modern / sinful world. The old wedding vows for a wife used to include the words "love, honor and obey"

Obedience is said to be for dogs.

Yet, "obedience" is Christ-like –

- A. It distinguished Him from Adam –

¹⁹ For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous. (Romans 5:19 NKJ)

- B. It is something Christ as a man "learned" –

⁸ though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. (Hebrews 5:8 NKJ)

- C. It is something Jesus showed us as our most excellent example –

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of death, even the death of the cross.* (Phi 2:8 NKJ)

D. It is something we ALL, not just women are called to –

¹³ Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

¹⁴ as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; ¹⁵ but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy." (1Peter 1:13-16 NKJ)

²⁰ Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord. ²¹ Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. ²² Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eye service, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God. ²³ And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, (Colossians 3:20-23 NKJ)

E. Yet, it is something women are called to even when their husbands are not "obedient" Christians –

NKJ ¹ Peter 3:1 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, (1Peter 3:1 NKJ)

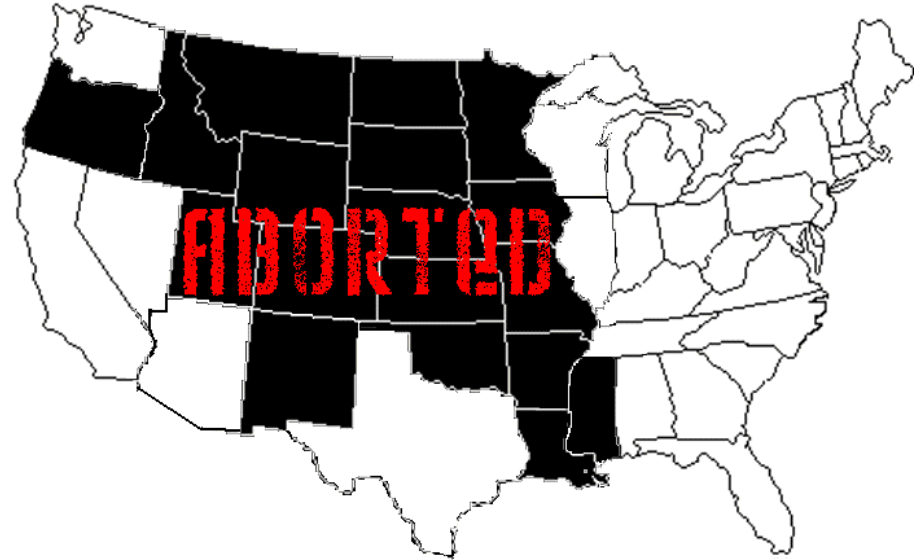
What is the alternative, the opposite of this kind of life?

"Abortion Horror Hits Michigan When Decapitated Head Found Left in Womb"

According to one OB/GYN who has seen several of Alexander's victims:

"Dr. Alexander perforated the woman's uterus so badly that it was hanging on by two blood vessels. The decapitated head of a fetus was in the woman's abdomen and the large intestine had been grasped and pulled away from its blood supply and into the vagina. The woman required a hysterectomy, colonoscopy [colectomy?], and several units of blood to save her life."

Yet, is it that much better that abortionists usually pull the decapitated heads out?



The map above has 18 states blacked out. The population of these states is equal to the 50,000,000+ reported "legal" surgical abortions since 1973. Perhaps this visual perspective helps one to grasp the number of people that are gone, dead-robbed of their God given, constitutional rights to life and liberty. How does the "most religious" nation on the planet allow such unspeakable horror?

We have got away from Biblical values, far, far away!

There is a way *that seems* right to a man, but its end *is* the way of death. (Proverbs 16:25 NKJ)

"The woman was made of a rib out of the side of Adam; not made of his head to rule over him, nor out of his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side to be equal to him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be beloved."

Matthew Henry

Commentary on Genesis 2:21-25

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