

TITUS 2:3-5

LESSON 1 – INTRODUCTION

GOD'S WORD FOR WOMEN TODAY

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TITUS 2:3-5 (NASB95)

These are the verses we want to focus on:

“Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.”

How are these truths relevant to women today?

WHAT IS THE MAIN IDEA OF THIS LETTER?

These verses are a portion of a letter written by the apostle Paul to a young pastor named Titus on the Mediterranean island of Crete.

The verses do not stand on their own but occur in the context of Paul's written conversation.

As we study, we want to determine the author's intended meaning to the best of our ability.

Studying the key words that are repeated in this letter help us understand Paul's main idea.



ROME

ITALY

THESSALONICA

PHILIPPI

GALATIA

NICOPOLIS

EPHESUS

CORINTH

COLOSSAE

MALTA

CRETE

CYPRUS

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

SEA OF GALILEE

JERUSALEM

DEAD SEA

EGYPT

KEY WORDS

Key words are words that are vital to understanding the meaning of the text. Like a key, they unlock the meaning of the text.

- Often they are repeated in order to convey the author's purpose for writing. They may be repeated throughout a chapter, a segment of a book, or the book as a whole.
- Every key word will answer one of these information-gathering questions: who, what, when, where, why, or how -- the 5 Ws and an H.
- Key words reveal the subjects. Subjects reveal the theme.



KEY WORDS: "DOCTRINE," "SOUND," AND "DEEDS"

- "Doctrine" comes from the Greek word *didaskalia* (pronounced did-ahs-kal-EE-ah), meaning teaching, instruction
- "Deeds" comes from the Greek *ergon* (ER-gon), meaning a work, an act
- "Sound" is *hugiaino* (hoog-ee-AH-ee-no), meaning whole or healthy; in English, we use it in the phrase "be safe and sound"; it always relates to personal righteousness and spiritual well-being

Main idea: Healthy doctrine produces healthy spiritual living.

THE THEME OF TITUS

The theme of the book:

- **The importance of sound doctrine and good deeds;
sound doctrine leads to good deeds**

“There is a relationship between what we believe and how we act. Bad theology or philosophy produces a bad society. You can't live in a correct and productive way if you think or are taught incorrectly.”

“Paul wanted Christians to behave consistently with what they profess to believe.”

CONTEXT OF OUR VERSES

This main theme will apply to the verses we want to study:

- **Paul will give us specifics about how women can “be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine” (Titus 2:7) and**
- **“Those who have believed God will be careful to engage in good deeds” (Titus 3:8)**

Women who have put their faith in God will be deliberately mindful, carefully giving attention to how they live out their relationships with other women in the church.

PRACTICAL DISCIPLESHIP NEEDED

- **Women saved by the grace of God do not instantly become or automatically know how to be godly women, wives, and mothers. We all come out from the influences of a sinful, broken, and godless world.**
- **New believers need a church where God's Word, sound doctrine, is diligently taught every week.**
- **They also need coaching, training, modeling, and encouraging in a one-on-one relationship: practical discipling in the skills that make for godly living, living that brings glory to God.**

NEXT LESSON

In Lesson 2 we will study what God's Word said to Titus about the older women in the church.

- **What should mature women be like in terms of their character?**
- **What should older women do with their experience, wisdom, and spiritual maturity?**

“The fact that I am a woman does not make me a different kind of Christian, but the fact that I am a Christian makes me a different kind of woman.” Elisabeth Elliot