

Some Things Young Women Need To Be Taught

John Isaac Edwards

In his address concerning aged women, Paul exhorted, “That they may teach the young women...” (Titus 2:4). This writing highlights some things young women need to be taught as mentioned in Titus 2:4-5.

1) **To Be Sober (v. 4).** To be sober is to be of sound mind. The Scriptures often emphasize the importance of soberness. Paul taught the Thessalonians, “...let us watch and be sober” (1 Th. 5:6). And again, “But let us, who are of the day, be sober...” (1 Th. 5:8). Three times in his first epistle, Peter urged scattered saints to “Be sober” (1 Pet. 1:13; 4:7; 5:8). It is a qualification of elders (1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8) and their wives (1 Tim. 3:11). When young women are taught to be sober, it will help qualify men to be elders and deacons in the church of our Lord.

2) **To Love Their Husbands (v. 4).** To provide for man’s need of companionship, God made a woman and brought her unto the man (Gen. 2:18-24). Paul penned, “Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband” (1 Cor. 7:2). Love is a mutual responsibility of the marriage

relationship (Eph. 5:22-33). This love is not the kind that seeks its own, but puts his and her needs first, with a desire to please and fulfill one another in every way possible. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 and in place of the word “charity”, see if you can put your name there.

3) **To Love Their Children (v. 4).** What a blessing children bring to the family as God bestowed upon husbands and wives the privilege of being fruitful (Gen. 1:28). The Psalmist said it so well: “Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them...” (Ps. 127:3-5). The special role of childbearing belongs to the woman (1 Tim. 2:15). Some special responsibilities come with bringing children into this world, one of which is love. To love your children is to do what is best for them. This includes teaching them the Scriptures and helping them develop an unfeigned faith as Timothy’s mother and grandmother did for him (2 Tim. 1:5; 3:15).

4) **To Be Discreet (v. 5).** To be discreet is to have one’s

desires and impulses curbed. It involves being self-controlled and temperate. Every young woman needs to be like those who run in a race, “...temperate in all things” (1 Cor. 9:24-25). The woman’s place is not one of noisy prominence, but quiet subjection (1 Tim. 2:9-11). She is to be unobtrusive and subdued, adorned with “...a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price” (1 Pet. 3:4).

5) **To Be Chaste (v. 5).** To be chaste is to be clean and pure. This includes abstaining for all sexual immorality, premarital and extramarital! Such makes her venerable. The wise man said, “A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones” (Prov. 12:4). Remember, “Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge” (Heb. 13:4). Do your phone conversations, texts, social media pages, chats, and the like reflect a woman who is chaste? Her attire and apparel represent the same. She is adorned “...in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety...” (1 Tim. 2:9). She does not parade around “...with the attire of an harlot...”

(Prov. 7:10).

6) **To Be Keepers At Home (v. 5).** Though it may run counter to our culture today, young women need to be taught to be domestically inclined. This suggests “keeping at home and taking care of household affairs.” She is to be a good housekeeper. Paul wrote Timothy concerning younger women, that they “...marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully” (1 Tim. 5:14). This is a most honorable position! Such women ought not be made to feel cheap or inferior, but be held in high esteem as those who hold the highest office!

7) **To Be Good (v. 5).** This indicates she is of good constitution or nature, useful and salutary, pleasant,

agreeable, joyful and happy, excellent and distinguished, upright and honourable. She is not “...a contentious and an angry woman” (Prov. 21:19), which is like, “A continual dropping in a very rainy day...” (Prov. 27:15). Solomon said, “It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house” (Prov. 21:9; 25:24).

8) **To Be Obedient To Their Own Husbands (v. 5).** Yes, the Scriptures teach women to obey their husbands. There is a divine order to be observed and respected. “But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God” (1 Cor. 11:3). Paul wrote Ephesian wives, “...submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord” (Eph. 5:22). Colossians 3:18

says, “Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.” Paul’s writing such was not influenced by the circumstances or culture of his day, but reached back to the beginning, as two reasons are given for the woman’s place of subjection: the order of creation and the transgression (1 Tim. 2:13-14). God told mother Eve, “...thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee” (Gen. 3:16). Every young woman would do well to imitate Sarah of old time who, “... obeyed Abraham, calling him lord” (1 Pet. 3:1-6).

By being and doing what Paul exhorted aged women to teach young women, you can excite great respect for the Lord and His word as Paul said, “... that the word of God be not blasphemed” (Titus 2:5).

2017 Gospel Meetings:

April 16-21 with Connie W. Adams

September 10-15 with Various Preachers

The Terre Haute **SPEAKER** is published weekly by the church of Christ at Terre Haute, Indiana.

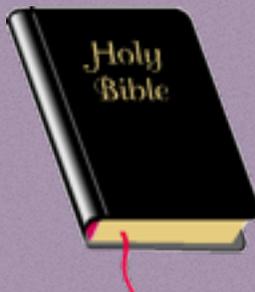
Assembling At:

4017 E Margaret DR
Terre Haute, IN 47803
[Exit 11 (I-70) W on HWY 46,
W on Margaret DR approx. 1 mile]

Assembling Times:

Sunday @ 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.

Come be with us!



We Speak Where the Bible Speaks.

We Are Silent Where the Bible Is Silent.

We Do Bible Things in Bible Ways.

www.churchofchristatterrehaute.com