

**TITUS:
THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE GRACE OF GOD
AND THE FUNCTION OF THE CHURCH**

**Paul's Instruction to Older Women
Titus 2:1,3**

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Overview: Titus is commanded by Paul to speak the things that promote and lead to spiritual health within the local body of Christ. He is to teach the insights that are in line with true, authentic Biblical Christianity. As a result, Titus is given insight on how the older and younger men and women, and those who are slaves, are to live. The concept of being older and younger is referring to years of age in relation to others, as well as years of being a Christian in relation to other Christians. Therefore, the term "older" can refer to someone who is older than you in age and Christianity, or to someone older than you in years of being a Christian. What is implied though not stated is that the older you get as a Christian, the more mature you should be.

In Titus 2:3, Paul identifies four characteristics that older women should be and demonstrate:

1. Older women are to be **reverent in their behavior** – Older women are to carry themselves in such a way that others can see that they are serious about living a life that is set apart for and reflects the character of Jesus Christ. Older women are to have a disposition of holiness that is being demonstrated in their holy actions, which is befitting for women who profess to be women of God.
2. Older women are **not to be malicious gossips** – Older women are not to be falsely accusing people, spreading lies or assassinating other people's character. In other words, older women are not to act like little devils by slandering people.
3. Older women are **not to be enslaved to much wine** – Older women are not to be dominated by, taken captive by or controlled by fermented grapes. The implication is that older women are to have self-control and not to allow any substance to influence or control them in the way they are to be influenced and controlled by the Holy Spirit.
4. Older women are to be **teaching what is good** – Older women are to teach what is accurate according to the Word of God; they are to teach those insights that are befitting for women to learn and live accordingly. Older women are to teach women to be sober-minded and clear-headed in how to function in their role as women.

Implications for us to consider:

1. The older you are as a woman, the more you should be reflecting a morality that demonstrates the character of Jesus Christ and accomplishes the Kingdom agenda of God.
2. The older you are as a woman, the more you need to keep yourself from being a little devil. As you get older and do not care what people think about you, you must use that as an opportunity to care more about people. Use your words to build up and not tear down people to the glory of God and the blessing of others.
3. Older women must not allow any substance to guide them away from being clear-headed and sober-minded. Your mind must be preserved so that you may use it to be what God has called you to be. Your mind must be preserved so that you also may guide other women in what God has called them to be as you have been empowered by God to do so.
4. As you look at your life, you should be teaching younger women how to live the Christian life to the glory of God, the good of others, and the blessing of their lives. Are you living the Christian life in such a manner that the leadership of your church can trust you to teach women? Are you put on hold from teaching women because of your mouth and your manner? Are you faithful, available and teachable in order to teach women? Or have you become dull of hearing and need to be retaught the basic principles of Christianity?