



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

**Paul's Instruction to Younger Women
Titus 2:1,4**

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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 order for anyone to function well in their God-given design, he or she must be:

Faithful – consistent in following through as they carry out their roles, responsibilities, and service in relation to God, family, church, work and others

Available – consistently around to receive insight, training and wisdom in order to be and do all that pertains to their roles, responsibilities, and service in relation to God, family, church, work and others

Teachable – willing to learn, willing to receive instructions, and accepting of instruction in order to carry out their roles, responsibilities, and service in relation to God, family, church, work, and others according to God's will and ways

In Titus 2:4, Paul identifies seven characteristics that younger women should be and demonstrate:

1. Younger women are to **love their husbands** – Younger women are to take the disposition and demeanor of being friendly, affectionate and considerate, while helping and serving their husbands sacrificially. Younger women are to be tenderhearted towards their husbands, seeking to do all they can on their end to maintain a God-honoring friendship and fellowship with their husbands.¹

¹ Spiros Zodhiates, *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament* (Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers, 2000).

2. Younger women are to **love their children** – Younger women are to have an intimate bond with their children whereby they are correcting and directing them in the ways and will of God.
3. Younger women are to be **sensible** – Younger women are to be wisely keeping themselves self-disciplined in their freedom. Younger women are to be wisely keeping themselves self-restrained in all passions and desires.²
4. Younger women are to be **pure** – Younger women are to be set apart to God, demonstrating a morality in heart and lifestyle that reflects the character of Jesus Christ.
5. Younger women are to be **workers at home** – Younger women are to show care, dedication and thorough attention to taking care of their homes and households. Younger women are to be as dedicated and attentive to taking care of their home and households as they are to their careers and jobs.
6. Younger women are to be **kind** – Younger women are to be an asset not a liability to others in their home and abroad. Younger women are to have the disposition and demeanor of being pleasant and beneficial to others, and not mean and detrimental to others in the home and abroad.
7. Younger women are to be **subject to their own husbands** – Younger women are to place themselves under the authority of their husbands. Younger women must follow the directives and guidelines of their husbands.
8. Younger women are to do this so that the Word of God will not be dishonored – Younger women are to conduct themselves accordingly in love, sensibility, purity, dedication to their home and household, being beneficial to others and submission to their husbands so that God's Word would not be spoken evil of.

Implications for us to consider:

1. Younger women need a correct and disciplined outlook on their ministry in the home.
2. The greatest priority in a home should be love. If younger women love their husbands and their children well, they are on the way to building a stable, God-honoring home.
3. When younger women demonstrate a morality that reflects the character of Jesus Christ, there will be a sincerity, integrity and faithfulness in how they carry themselves in their home and abroad to the glory of God, to the stability of their own lives and to the benefit to others.

² Spiros Zodhiates, *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament* (Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers, 2000).

4. As younger women are workers at home, this does not mean that they cannot have a career, provided their home and household are taken care of with great dedication and faithfulness as their first priority. They are not prisoners to be kept at home, but God's chosen vessels who are to care for the home and household. However, if younger women care more for their job or career than their home and household, they are not in line with God and His will.
5. As younger women have the disposition and demeanor of being pleasant and beneficial to others and not mean and detrimental to others in the home and abroad, they will care for their home and household with kindness and not with an iron hand.
6. Even though younger women are keepers and managers of the home, they must not forget that their husbands are the heads of the home. Therefore, they must place themselves under the authority of their husbands and follow their guidelines and directive accordingly.
7. "That the Word of God will not be dishonored" is a good motive for cooperation and submission at home. It is sad to see the way family problems, and even divorces, among Christians cause unsaved people to sneer at the Bible.
8. A quote from Dr. Venessa Ellen

"Our eternal God loved us enough:

- A. To create us to be in a relationship with Him, **but** this relationship is on **His** terms and not on **ours**.
- B. To place us in a playground that had **fences** just high enough to keep danger out and just low enough to keep love in.
- C. To send his Son to die on the cross for our sins.

"He loved us and now we say that we love him, so should not our focus be on obeying Him and trusting Him with whatever roles or designs He has established? The clay should not say to potter, I will do this and such – this is not our job."

Younger women must develop in this if they are going to be godly older women living blessed lives as defined by God.