

Wives and Mothers

Titus 2:4-5, “That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.”

Women in the church should be pure and free from desires that turn them away from God. The training and instruction they are to give the younger women reveals much about their duties and responsibilities God has given the woman. Notice the following concerning women:

Be sober: of sound mind literally means, “to save the mind.” In other words, a young woman should be taught by an older woman to control her thinking, to learn good things from God’s word and exercise her mind in these areas.

To love her husband: wives are taught to love their husbands (compare to Eph. 5:25). Love is something one can learn to do. Through teaching, exercise, and learning one can learn to love another and that love can grow.

Love their children: It is necessary to teach a woman to love her children because, as the Apostle Paul wrote that some are “without affection” (Rom. 1:31). Every mother should ask herself, “Do I care enough about the welfare of my children to sacrifice some of my own time to teach and guide them emotionally into a respecting attitude towards themselves and have a strong faith towards God?”

Discreet: self-controlled, self disciplined.

Chaste: pure and free from every fault, modest, holy, and pure.

Keepers at home: guide the affairs of, and look well to the ways of, her household (compare to Proverbs 31:10-31)

Good: of benefit; denotes a life lived in a way that contributes to better those around her.

Obedient to their own husbands: Recognize the authority of their husbands as the leader of his home and family. A woman is also to encourage the rest of the family to do the same.

Conclusion

God has given the woman the subjective or submission state in life. The Bible extols the woman's position as wife and mother a great challenge. In fact, it is a high and lofty role, a very special place, and a position that should be regarded as a blessing.

Read the story of "the great woman" in 2nd Kings Chapter 4 in order to illustrate these principles. She is a great woman because she is a woman of the following: faith, hospitality, generosity, contentment, and trust.