

# **A Wise Woman Builds Her Home through Love – Titus 2:3-5**

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: Titus 2:3-5.

## II. The Holy Spirit shows Paul what to teach older women.

A. To be quiet. (Proverbs 21:23)

1. This involves inward quietness of the soul.
2. This kind of quietness is associated with meekness, which is strength under control and freedom from self-sufficiency. (1 Peter 3:4)

B. To be respectful and reverent in their behavior and bearing.

1. Women should honor their husbands in public.
2. Women should be careful what they say and avoid gossip. (Proverbs 16:28; 18:8; 26:22; 26:20; Ephesians 4:15)

C. To take responsibility.

1. Jesus is the cure to our needs. (1 Corinthians 6:13)
2. Husbands should not be put in the position to satisfy all of a wife's needs.

D. To be examples of the good life. (Ephesians 1:12)

## III. The older women are to teach younger women...

A. To love their husbands.

1. They maybe have not understood love from God's point of view.
2. They need to understand that love needs to be nurtured.
3. We are all very selfish. (1 Corinthians 13)
4. How to express love to your husband.
  - a. Acknowledge him as head.
  - b. Be submissive (which is simply a matter of difference in role).
  - c. Accept him as he is.
  - d. Show an interest in him.

- e. Listen to him. (Proverbs 31:12)
- f. Pray for him.
- g. Work at being sweet-hearts.
- h. Admire him.
- i. Keep yourself as attractive as possible.
- j. Do not nag.
- k. Do not be negative and critical.
- l. Do not be a dream buster.
- m. Do not be filled with self-pity and complaining.
- n. Do not correct him in public.
- o. Do not harp on a matter. (Proverbs 17:9)

B. To love their children by treating them with love and respect.

- 1. Train them to be independent.
- 2. Do not live out your dreams through them.
- 3. Do not compare them with their other siblings.

C. To be sensible and discrete and use good judgment.

- 1. Be content with what your husband makes.
- 2. Be sensible about material things.

D. To be chaste and clean minded.

E. Spend time in your own home as a home-maker. (1 Corinthians 14:32, 40)

- 1. Hospitality is a great part of our ministry. (1 Peter 4:9)

F. Be kind and obedient to your husbands, adapting yourself to his plans as an advertisement of the Christian faith.

IV. Love is an unselfish concern, which freely accepts another and seeks his or her good.

**Application questions:**

1. Which exhortation to older women stands out to you the most?

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2. Which exhortation in general do you need to grow in the most?

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3. What is your plan for growing in two or three of the godly characteristics listed above? Explain.

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