

## Episode #348 – Titus 2 Part 3: Things New Women Must Learn

I. The book of Titus is a personal letter of Paul to Titus, a leader among the believers on the island of Crete. He is instructed how to act as a leader, and also how to choose others as leaders over the believers in Crete. From these instructions, we learn much about how God wants His people to act in this dispensation of grace in which we live.

II. After teaching Titus how to choose leaders in Crete, Paul is now teaching him how to train those leaders to behave, as well as the behaviors that should be modeled to all believers.

III. Titus 2:1-8. The behaviors Titus is to teach.

D. Titus 2:4. Things the elder women should teach the younger women.

1. They were to teach them to be sensible. This is something that is often hard for young people!
2. They are to teach them to love (as a friend, *philos*) their husbands and their children. We mean by “love” a strong feeling you have toward another person. Yet what God means by love is not so much how we feel as it is how we act. For example, Matthew 5:44. God’s type of love is to sacrifice yourself for the one loved.
3. A young woman may not understand this strange creature she just married. Why is he so different from what she would expect? Young women her own age may not know either, but elder women who are one-man women and have had a successful marriage can teach her how to love her man.
4. Children can also be confusing. An elder woman who has been a mother can help her figure out that strange creature that is her baby.

E. Titus 2:5. Further things the representative women are to teach the younger.

1. To be of sound mind, something that again can be hard for young women. To be chaste (referring to sexual purity, as well as other things). To be homemakers. There may be some cultural aspect to this. Yet the care of children is still an important issue, and daycare does not solve it.
2. Just plain to be good and to submit themselves (*hupotasso*, to arrange themselves under) to their own men (husbands).
  - a. Many look down on the Bible for statements like this, especially in our society where women are taught to compete with and resent men.
  - b. This is not like a king lording over his subjects or a victor triumphing over a loser. We have the example of Christ’s submission in I Corinthians 15:27-28.
    - i. Christ is not inferior to the Father. John 10:30. Thus He did not submit because of inferiority.
    - ii. Christ chooses to be subject because it is right and because he loves His Father. Wives are to submit the same way.
  - c. No justification here for husbands “forcing” their wives to submit.

IV. Conclusion: In the second chapter of Titus, we learn the behaviors he was to teach the leaders in Crete to teach the believers, not only to the male leaders, but also to the leaders among the women. The duties of the women elders appear to be largely over the younger women, the “new women” in Crete. They are to teach these new women reverent and Godly behavior, especially in their family lives. May Christ’s older women be willing to teach, and His younger women be willing to listen!