

**“HOW TO BE A GODLY MOTHER IN AN UNGODLY WORLD”****TITUS 2:3-5****INTRODUCTION**

**TODAY IS MOTHER’S DAY ALL ACROSS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

**WE HEAR SO MUCH EVERY DAY ABOUT WICKED MOTHERS WHO DO EVIL THINGS, BUT I BELIEVE MOST OF US HAVE OR HAD GOOD MOTHERS WHO DO OR DID THEIR BEST.**

**NO MOTHER IS PERFECT BECAUSE MOTHERHOOD IS NOT AN EASY JOB.**

**OUR CULTURE HAS EMBRACED AS ITS GREATEST VALUE, PERSONAL HAPPINESS.**

**THE DANGERS OF DIVORCE, THE ACCEPTANCE OF SEXUAL IMMORALITY, AND A PREOCCUPATION WITH SELF-FULFILLMENT HAVE TAKEN THEIR TOLL ON THE FAMILY.**

**WHILE OUR CULTURE SPINS OUT OF CONTROL AND THE FAMILY UNIT BREAKS DOWN, THE BIBLE LIFTS UP THE FAMILY AND EXALTS THE PLACE OF THE WOMAN IN THE FAMILY.**

**MOTHERHOOD IS A MINISTRY OF TEACHING, PREPARING CHILDREN TO FOLLOW GOD’S PATHWAYS, AND BEING AN EXAMPLE OF THE LOVE OF JESUS.**

**TITUS MINISTERED IN A PAGAN ENVIRONMENT AMONG CHRISTIANS WHO HAD A BACKGROUND IN VIOLENCE, DISHONESTY, AND IMMORALITY THAT THE CRETANS WERE LEGENDARY FOR.**

**TITUS 1:12 “...*THE CRETANS ARE ALWAYS LIARS, EVIL BEASTS, SLOW BELLIES.*”**

**THE CHRISTIAN WOMEN WERE TRYING TO BE GODLY, BUT THEY WERE LIVING IN A SUPREMELY UNGODLY SOCIETY.**

**THE OLDER WOMEN WERE EXHORTED TO TEACH OR TRAIN THE YOUNGER WOMEN IN THE NOBLE, AND BEAUTIFUL THINGS OF LIFE.**

**THE OLDER WOMEN ARE TO TEACH THE YOUNG AND MOTHER HOW TO BE A GODLY MOTHER IN AN UNGODLY WORLD.**

**THIS IS ANCIENT ADVICE WITH CONTEMPORARY POWER.**

**(I). IF YOU WANT TO BE A GODLY MOTHER IN AN UNGODLY WORLD, THE FIRST THING YOU MUST LEARN TO DO IS TO “LOVE YOUR HUSBAND.” (Verse 4)**

**(A). THE MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP TAKES PRIORITY.**

**(1). IN EPHESIANS 5:22-33, PAUL LAYS DOWN THE PRINCIPLES THAT SHOULD GOVERN THE HOME WHERE THE HUSBAND AND WIFE DESIRE TO LOVE EACH OTHER IN THE WILL OF GOD.**

**(B). GOOD THINGS HAPPENS WHEN THE MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP IS PRIORITY:**

**(1). THE WIFE AND HUSBAND WILL BE THE MOST FULFILLED.**

**(2).THE CHILDREN WILL LEARN HOW TO HAVE SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGES.**

**(3). THE WIFE AND THE HUSBAND WILL BOTH BE AWARE OF THE DANGERS OF PLACING OTHER PURSUITS AS PRIORITIES ABOVE THE MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP.**

**(C). THIS IS IN CONTRAST TO THE UNGODLINESS OF OUR WORLD WHERE PERSONAL HAPPINESS IS PLACED ABOVE EVERY OTHER PRIORITY.**

**(1). GODLY MOTHERS IN AN UNGODLY WORLD, LOVE THEIR HUSBANDS.**

**(II). GODLY MOTHERS IN AN UNGODLY WORLD, LOVE THEIR CHILDREN. (VERSE 4).**

**(A). MANY MOTHERS DON'T KNOW WHAT LOVING THEIR CHILDREN MEAN:**

- (1). LOVING YOUR CHILDREN DOES NOT MEAN GIVING THEM EVERYTHING WANT/**
- (2). LOVING YOUR CHILDREN DOES NOT MEAN THAT THEY KEEP UP WITH THE WORLD.**
- (3). LOVING YOUR CHILDREN DOES NOT MEAN THEY MAKE THEIR OWN RELIGIOUS DECISIONS.**

**(B). LOVING YOUR CHILDREN REQUIRES DISCIPLINE.**

- (1). PROVERBS 23:13-14 “DO NOT WITHHOLD DISCIPLINE FROM A CHILD; IF YOU PUNISH HIM WITH THE ROD, HE WILL NOT DIE. PUNISH HIM WITH THE ROD AND SAVE HIS SOUL FROM DEATH.”**

- (2). DISCIPLINE IS A SIGN OF LOVE.**

**(C). LOVING YOUR CHILDREN REQUIRES INSTILLING THE CHRISTIAN'S WORLD VIEW IN THEM.**

- (1). TRAIN THEM UP IN THE WAY THEY SHOULD GO, AND WHEN THEY ARE OLD, IT WILL NOT DEPART FROM THEM.**
- (2). TEACH THEM THE SCRIPTURES LIKE TIMOTHY'S MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER TAUGHT HIM.**

**(D). LOVING YOUR CHILDREN REQUIRES TEACHING THEM TO LOVE JESUS CHRIST.**

- (1). WHEN I WAS A CHILD, I WAS TAUGHT TO SING, “OH HOW I LOVE JESUS, BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED ME.”**

(2). AND THEN THEY TAUGHT ME TO SING, “YES, JESUS LOVES ME, BECAUSE THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.”

(E). LOVING YOUR CHILDREN REQUIRES CARING FOR THEIR SPIRITUAL, EMOTIONAL, AND PHYSICAL NEEDS.

(1). DAVID SAID IN PSALM 127:3-5 “*LO, CHILDREN ARE AN HERITAGE OF THE LORD: AND THE FRUIT OF THE WOMB IS HIS REWARD. AS ARROWS ARE IN THE HANDS OF A MIGHT MAN; SO ARE CHILDREN OF THE YOUTH. HAPPY IS THE MAN THAT HATH HIS QUIVER FULL OF THEM: THEY SHALL NOT BE ASHAMED, BUT THEY SHALL SPEAK WITH THE ENEMIES IN THE GATE.*”

(2). PAUL SAID IN II TIMOTHY 1:5 “*WHEN I CALL TO REMEMBRANCE THE UNFEIGNED FAITH THAT IS IN THEE, WHICH DWELT FIRST IN THY GRANDMOTHER LOIS, AND THY MOTHER EUNICE; AND I AM PERSUADED THAT IN THEE ALSO.*”

(3). GODLY MOTHERS LOVE YOUR HUSBAND AND YOUR CHILDREN.

(III). GODLY MOTHERS IN AN UNGODLY WORLD DEVELOP CHRISTIAN CHARACTER IN FOUR AREAS.

(A). FIRST, GODLY MOTHERS ARE TO BE SELF CONTROLLED.

(1). IN THE KING JAMES VERSION IT SAYS, “BE DISCREET.”

(2). IN THE NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE IS SAYS, “BE SENSIBLE.”

(3). IN THE NEW LITERARY TRANSLATION IT SAYS, “LIVE WISELY.”

**(4). IT JUST SIMPLY MEANS TO BE SOBER MINDED.**

**(5). THE YOUNG WOMAN IS TO THINK ABOUT WHAT SHE IS DOING WITH HER LIFE.**

**(6). THE CRETANS WERE KNOWN FOR A LACK OF SELF-CONTROL.**

**(a). THIS IS A FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT, IT INFLUENCES WHAT WE DO.**

**(b). I TIMOTHY 2:9 SAYS, “IN LIKE MANNER ALSO, THAT WOMEN ADORN THEMSELVES IN MODEST APPAREL, WITH SHAMEFACEDNESS AND SOBRIETY; NOT WITH BRAIDED HAIR, OR GOLD, OR PEARLS, OR COSTLY ARRAY;”**

**(B). SECONDLY, GODLY MOTHERS ARE TO “BE PURE.” (VERSE 5).**

**(1). THIS RELATES TO THE COMMITMENT TO YOUR MARRIAGE VOWS.**

**(2). THIS ALSO RELATES SPIRITUAL INFLUENCE IN THE HOME.**

**(a). I PETER 3:1-2 SAYS, “*LIKEWISE, YE WIVES, BE IN SUBJECTION TO YOUR OWN HUSBANDS; THAT, IF ANY OBEY NOT THE WORD, THEY ALSO MAY WITHOUT THE WORD BE WON BY THE CONVERSATION OF THE WIVES; WHILE THEY BEHOLD YOUR CHASTE CONVERSATION COUPLED WITH FEAR.*”**

**(b). WHAT PETER IS SIMPLY SAYING IS “*LIKEWISE, WIVES, BE SUBJECT TO YOUR OWN HUSBANDS, SO THAT EVEN IF SOME DO NOT OBEY THE WORD, THEY MAY BE WON WITHOUT A WORD BY THE*”**

***CONDUCT OF THEIR WIVES, WHEN THEY  
SEE YOUR RESPECTFUL AND PURE  
CONDUCT.”***

**(3). THIS ALSO RELATES TO THE IMAGE OF  
PURITY.**

**(a). CHRISTIAN WOMEN ARE TO BE  
CHASTE, MODEST, PURE IN HEART  
AND MIND.**

**(b). THINK IN TERMS OF SPEECH, DRESS,  
AND ALL RELATIONSHIPS.**

**(c). CHRISTIAN MOTHERS NEED TO PASS  
THESE ON TO THEIR CHILDREN.**

**(C). THIRDLY, GODLY MOTHER ARE “TO WORK AT  
HOME.” (VERSE 5).**

**(1). IN THE TIME OF TITUS, THERE WERE FALSE  
TEACHERS WHO WERE DIVIDING FAMILIES  
WITH THEIR TEACHINGS.**

**(2). MANY WORLDLY ELEMENTS WORK  
AGAINST FAMILIES TODAY.**

**(3). PAUL IS NOT PROHIBITING WOMEN FROM  
WORKING OUTSIDE OF THE HOME, BUT HE  
CLEARLY URGES THAT THE HOME TAKE A  
POSITION OF PRIORITY IN OUR LIVES.**

**(4). CHRISTIAN HOMES ARE CREATED, THEY  
DON’T JUST HAPPEN.**

**(a). THE THEOLOGIAN, BARCLAY, SAYS,  
“IT IS THE SIMPLE FACT THAT THERE  
IS NO GREATER TASK,  
RESPONSIBILITY AND PRIVILEGE IN  
THIS WORLD THAN TO MAKE A  
HOME.”**

**(D). FOURTHLY, GODLY MOTHERS ARE , “TO BE KIND.”**

**(1). KINDNESS DEALS WITH DOING GOOD, BEING BENEVOLENT TOWARD OTHERS, AND SHOWING HOSPITALITY.**

**(2). KINDNESS DEALS WITH HAVING A GIVING NATURE.**

**(E). FIFTHLY, GODLY MOTHERS ARE “TO SUBMIT TO YOUR OWN HUSBANDS.”**

**(1). GOD HAS CREATED AN ORDER WHICH INCLUDES MASCULINE ‘HEADSHIP’;**

**(2). NOT OF AUTHORITY, BUT OF RESPONSIBILITY AND LOVING CARE.**

**(3). WHERE LOVE AND MUTUAL RESPECT RULE THE HOME, THERE WILL BE LITTLE PROBLEM WITH SUBMISSION ON THE PART OF THE WIFE.**

**(4). THE HUSBAND IS NOT A DICTATOR, BUT HE EXERCISES HIS HEADSHIP PRIMARILY BY SERVICE.**

**(5). THIS IS THE SAME WAY JESUS EXPRESSED HIS HEADSHIP OVER THE CHURCH.**

**(6). I KNOW THESE CHARACTER QUALITIES ARE NOT AS COMMON IN OUR CULTURE AS THEY USE TO BE.**

### **CONCLUSION**

**I HEARD A STORY ABOUT A LITTLE BOY SITTING ON HIS FRONT STEPS WITH HIS FACE CRADLED IN HIS HANDS.**

**HE WAS CRYING AND LOOKING TROUBLED AND CONFUSED.**

**HIS DADDY CAME TO HIM AND ASKED HIM WHAT WAS WRONG?**

**THE LITTLE BOY LOOKED UP AND SAID, “WELL, DADDY, JUST BETWEEN ME AND YOU, I’M HAVING TROUBLE GETTING ALONG WITH YOUR WIFE TOO.”**

**(A). BEING A MON IS ONE OF THE TOUGHEST ASSIGNMENTS GOD EVER GAVE ANYBODY.**

**(1). SHE HAS GOT TO BE JUST AS INSIGHTFUL AS A PSYCHOLOGIST.**

**(2). SHE HAS TO BE AS TOUGH AS A MARINE CORPS DRILL INSTRUCTOR.**

**(3). SHE HAS TO BE AS GENTLE AS A NURSE.**

**(4). SHE HAS TO BE A LABOR AND MANAGEMENT NEGOTIATOR.**

**(5). SHE HAS TO BE A TEACHER.**

**(6). SHE HAS TO BE AN ELECTRICIAN, A PLUMBER, AND A CARPENTER.**

**(7). SHE HAS TO HAVE AN ENDLESS SUPPLY OF ENERGY, A MASSIVE AMOUNT OF PATIENCE, AND AN IRON WILL.**

**(8). AND IF SHE GETS SICK, SHE HAS GOT TO GET WELL BEFORE THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY.**

**(B). BEING A GODLY MOTHER IN AN UNGODLY WORLD IS NOT AN EASY TASK; WE NEED TO PRAY FOR OUR MOTHERS, BECAUSE PRAYER WILL CHANGE THINGS:**

**(1). PRAYER DELIVERED THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL OUT OF EGYPTIAN BONDAGE.**

**(2). PRAYER ROLLED BACK THE RED SEA.**

**(3). PRAYER, CAUSED THE WALLS OF JERICHO TO FALL DOWN FLAT.**

- (4). PRAYER CAUSED FIRE TO RAIN DOWN ON MOUNT CARMEL.**
- (5). PRAYER DELIVERED JEREMIAH OUT OF THE MIRY PIT.**
- (6). PRAYER DELIVERED DANIEL OUT OF THE LION'S DEN.**
- (7). PRAYER DELIVERED THE HEBREW BOYS OUT OF THE FIERY FURNACE.**
- (8). PRAYER DELIVERED PAUL AND SILAS OUT OF THE JAIL IN PHILIPPI.**
- (9). WHEN PETER WAS IN PRISON, THE WOMAN HAS A PRAYER MEETING, AND WHILE THEY WERE STILL PRAYING, PETER KNOCKED ON THE DOOR.**

**(B). JESUS KNEW WHAT IT MEANT TO PRAY.**

- (1). HE PRAYED IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE, "NOT MY WILL, BUT THINE WILL BE DONE."**
- (2). HE PRAYED ON THE CROSS. "FATHER FORGIVE THEM, FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO."**
- (3). HE WENT ON AND DIED FOR YOUR SINS AND MINE, BUT NOT BEFORE PRAYING, "FATHER, INTO THY HANDS, I COMMEND MY SPIRIT."**
- (4). THEY BURIED HIM IN A BORROWED TOMB.**
- (5). HE STAYED THERE THREE DAYS, AND THREE NIGHTS, BUT EARLY SUNDAY MORNING, HE ROSE WITH ALL POWER IN HIS HAND.**