

1. Introduction

a. Text = Titus 2:1-10

- written by apostle Paul (1:1,5)
- written in Nicopolis (3:12)
- one of 3 pastoral epistles
- written before 1 & 2 Timothy

b. Paul instructs Titus to teach sound doctrine (teachings)

- older men
- older women
- young wives
- young husbands/young men

c. Practical living comes from good sound teaching

d. consequences of behavior

- Word of God not be blasphemed (making lies of God's Word) - 2:5
- showing a pattern of good works - 2:7
- adore God's doctrines in all things - 2:10

2. Mother's Responsibilities

a. Older women/older wives (vs 3)

- behavior becoming holiness (reverent behavior)
- not false accusers - slanderers - gossipers
- not given to much wine -
 - * not under illegal influences
 - * having excessive desires
 - * immoderate behavior, excessive behavior
 - + not in moderation

b. Younger women/younger wives (vs 4-5)

- love their husband & children
- discrete, chaste (faithful to wedding vows)

- keepers (heart) of the home
- obedient to husband ~~submitters~~

3. Mother's Challenges

- a. Children make messes
- b. Children don't want to obey
- c. Homemakers not honored in our society - often looked down on
- d. Some mother's afraid of their own children
- e. Bible instructs both parents to train their children
 - instruction - discipline - correction

4. Mother's Hope

- a. Results of good parenting
 - considerate of other people
 - * world does not revolve around them
 - respectful of others
- b. Understand delayed gratification
 - learn to earn good things
 - not grabbing for instant gratification
- c. Scripture speaks of rod of correction
 - human body understand pleasure & pain
 - God has created both
 - good parenting involves showing pleasure for good behavior & pain for bad behavior
 - * pleasure: praise, rewards, hugs
 - * pain: timeouts, removal of desired things, parental displeasure, sometimes corporal pleasure