

Becoming a Model of Maturity

Titus 2:3 Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips, nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, 4 that they may encourage the young women

Introduction:

Generally, God is telling us in Titus 2:3...

1st - Mature women are to be just as _____ as the older men

2nd - Mature older women are to be given _____

1 Timothy 5:1-2 Do not sharply rebuke an older man, but rather appeal to him as a father, to the younger men as brothers, 2 the older women as mothers, and the younger women as sisters, in all purity.

Leviticus 19:32 You shall rise up before the grayheaded, and honor the aged, and you shall revere your God; I am the Lord

3rd - Mature women have a significant _____

Matthew 27:55 many women were there looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him

4th - Mature godly women are usually _____

#1. A mature women lives life consistently in the _____ of God

reverent in their behavior

*1 Cor. 9:13 Do you not know that those who perform **sacred services** eat the food of the temple, and those who attend regularly to the altar have their share with the altar?*

*Ephesians 5:3 But do not let immorality or any impurity or greed even be named among you, as is **proper** among saints;*

• Turn to 1 Peter 3:1-4

1st - A reverent women doesn't divide life up into sacred and secular, but ____ is sacred

John 8:29 *I always do the things that please my Father.*

Luke 2:52 *And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.*

1 Cor. 10:31 *Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the Glory of God*

2nd - A reverent women walks in the Spirit, _____ to her Lord

Galatians 5:16 *walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.*

Ephesians 5:18 *be filled with the Spirit*

#2. A mature women has her _____ under control *not malicious gossips*

James 3:2 *For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well.*

James 1:26 *If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless.*

Matthew 12:34-35 *For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart*

1 Timothy 4:7 *have nothing to do with worldly fables fit only for old women*

1 Timothy 5:13 *at the same time learn to be idle, as they go around from house to house; and not merely idle, but also gossips and busybodies, talking about things not proper to mention.*

1st-Make a commitment to _____ what you say

James 1:19 *Everyone should be quick to hear slow to speak and slow to become angry*

James 3:7 *bridle the tongue*

Proverbs 17:28 *Even a fool is thought wise if he keeps silent and discerning if he holds his tongue*

Proverbs 13:3 *He who guards his lips guards his life but he who speaks rashly will come to ruin.*

Psalm 141:3 *Set a guard Oh Lord over my mouth. Keep watch over the door of my lips*

2nd - Refuse to _____ to any gossip

Exodus 23:1 *Do not spread false reports*

Leviticus 19:16 *Do not go about spreading slander among your people*

Proverbs 26:17 *Like one who takes a dog by the ears is he who passes by and meddles with strife not belonging to him.*

Proverbs 20:19 *He who goes about as a slanderer reveals secrets, Therefore do not associate with a gossip.*

#3. A mature women is not _____ to anything
nor enslaved to much wine

Titus 3:3 *we once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures*

1 Corinthians 6:12 *All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything*

#4. A mature women is one who _____ younger women
3 teaching what is good
4 that they may encourage the young women

Conclusion:

#1. Spiritual _____ is one of our most valued treasures

#2. _____ is the most effective life changer

Philippians 3:17 *Brethren, join in following my **example**, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us*

1 Thessalonians 1:7 *you became an **example** to all the believers*

2 Thessalonians 3:9 *offer ourselves as a **model** for you, that you might follow our **example**.*

1 Timothy 4:12 *Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an **example** of those who believe.*

#3. _____ is the most effective trust builder

#4. _____ is the only path to Godliness

Questions for Family Discussion:

1-Why is the spiritual maturity of an older women so important to the church, to your family and to your life?

2-Why is there so little older training younger in the church today?

3-What can our family do to honor older women?

4-Which older women at FBC should we adopt as a family, to love them and benefit from their wisdom?

5-Which younger women should I [as an older saint] seek to invest in?