

The Characteristics of a Spiritually Healthy Church

An Exposition of **Titus 2**

5- Younger Women- Part 1

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Titus 2

2 But as for you, speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine.

2 Older men are to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in perseverance.

3 Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good,

4 so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,

5 to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.

6 Likewise urge the young men to be sensible;

7 in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine, dignified,

8 sound in speech which is beyond reproach, so that the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us.

9 Urge bondslaves to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be well-pleasing, not argumentative,

10 not pilfering, but showing all good faith so that they will adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect.

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men,

12 instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age,

13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,

14 who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

15 These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

*To the Glory of God the Father;
God the Son; and God the Holy Spirit. Amen*

We are at War today! We are in a *titanic* Battle for the very Survival of our Nation; our Civilization; our Churches; and our very Souls! And the Field of this Battle is in the Mind and Heart of every person alive today- in what we hear; what we see; what we watch; what we listen to; what we believe; and what we accept. This Struggle involves what almost 2,500 years ago, Plato called, the “*Transcendentals*”- that which is the “*Good*” and the “*True*” and the “*Beautiful*”; and what the Bible *repeatedly* calls, the “*Beauty of Holiness*”.

But just what IS “*Good*”? What IS “*True*”? And what IS “*Beautiful*”? Mankind has search for Centuries to find and to define what is “*Good*”; and “*True*”; and “*Beautiful*”. And many of us would say that Jesus is the very *Epitome* of the “*Good*”; the “*True*”; and the “*Beautiful*”- and surely that is correct. The perfect “*Imago Dei*” (Image of God); “*Immanuel*” (God with us); and what the inspired Writer said in **Hebrews 1:3b**:

... He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power.

... so, truly Jesus IS the “*Good*”; the “*True*”; and the “*Beautiful*”!

But *part* of what makes Jesus to be the “*Good*”; and the “*True*”; and the “*Beautiful*” is the profound “*Mystery*” that surrounds Him. That we do NOT merely *talk about* Jesus; or *discuss* Him; or *analyze* Him- but that we *wonder after* Him; that we *marvel* at Him; that we *stand in Awe* of Him; that we *proclaim* Him; and *worship* Him!

Jesus exists in the *perfect* Balance between His Manhood and His Deity! And in His full and true Manhood- we see Him; we listen to Him; we follow Him; we fall at His Feet; and we love Him. But in His full and true Deity- we tremble before Him; worship Him; and seek to obey Him!

So, in one Sense- we rejoice that we may KNOW Jesus! But in another Sense- Jesus remains very Mysterious to us! A Being, who is “*fully and truly God; and fully and truly Man; in the same Body; at the same Time- without Conflict or Contradiction*”! Who can comprehend this?

In our gracious Salvation, we are “*IN*” this God/Man! We have “*Union with Christ*” through our Adoption! We have an “*Advocate*” with the Father! And Jesus “*sticks closer than any Brother*”! And yet, we stagger at the Thought that Jesus NEVER sinned! That Jesus NEVER had a “*Bad Attitude*” for even a milli-second! That Jesus loved His Father *perfectly*; and *perfectly* loved His Neighbor as Himself!

Jesus spoke in words that simple people can understand. And yet no one was ever as Deep and Profound as He! He wept over Jerusalem and over the Fact that NOBODY believed He would raise Lazarus from the Dead! And yet He said,

All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. (Matthew 28:18b)

... who IS this Man, of such seemingly *insurmountable* Contradictions? Who causes demons to tremble; who is this Man even the Wind and the Waves obey? And yet, He is the One, who won my Heart; and took me out of Darkness; and brought me into God's marvelous Light almost 55 years ago!

As our Time of the Lord's Table comes every Week- we rejoice that our Relationship with Jesus in Salvation- allows us to partake of that Blessing. But as we partake- we are to *contemplate*- we are to think *deeply*- about the "Mystery" of Jesus.

And in His Mercy- on this Earth- God has given us something that is another very deep and profound Mystery- the most *unique* of all of God's Creations- a Being that Adam named, "*Woman*". And it is the Woman that is part of the Focus of Satan's Attack in this great War! So, as the Battle rages against the "Good"; and the "True"; and the "Beautiful"- one of the Targets is the Woman.

No other Creature of God is so Simple; so Basic; and so Clear. And yet, no other Creature is so Mysterious; so Deep; and so Profound. Men are basic, fundamental Creatures of both Soul and Body- but a Woman- a Woman is a deep Well of Emotions and Feelings that is surpassed only by her Beauty.

Throughout History- Battles have been fought; Nations have risen and fallen; and Men have willingly given up their Kingdoms for the Love of a Woman. And many Men have failed even in the Call of God on their Lives- because of the Allure and the Attraction of the Female of the Species.

When God created Man- He wrote on his very Soul- the Concept that he MUST protect; provide for; fight for; love; respect; and enjoy a Woman. And that Concept doesn't have to be taught. Left alone- ALL Men *naturally* have that Desire! And that is why it is a Sin against the very Nature of a Man to watch a Woman go fight in Combat while he stays Home to raise the Children- all in the Name of some *arbitrary and unworkable* Concept of "*Equality*"! In front of the Capitol Building in Jackson, Mississippi, there is a Monument dedicated to the Men, who have gone off to War to fight to protect and defend their Wives; their Mothers; their Sisters; and their Daughters! That Idea didn't come from some "Focus-group" or some "Think-Tank" in Washington DC.- it came from deep within the Soul of common, ordinary Men and Women, who clearly comprehended the "Good"; the "True"; and the Beautiful;"- people who understood that God made us *uniquely* Male and Female- on Purpose!

The War that is raging today is about what it means to be a Man and a Woman! Why we are born "Male" or "Female"; and why we are obviously Different! It is about WHY Men and Women have NEVER been "Equal"; and why

we CANNOT ever be “Equal”! And by that- I do NOT mean that Men are *superior* to Women or that Women are *inferior* to Men. I simply mean that we are Different; and that the Difference is Meaningful and Established and “Self-Evident! And the War that is being waged today- is about whether we, as a People; a Country; a Civilization; and a Church- will *recognize; teach; uphold; defend; and celebrate* those unique Distinctions; or whether we will seek to *minimize; condemn; and work to eliminate* them!

We must come to a rock-solid Understanding that “*Femininity*” is NOT some “cosmic Mistake” that needs to be eliminated- but rather God’s perfect Design! And we need to know that “*Masculinity*” is NOT some “evolutionary Anomaly” that needs to be destroyed- but rather the Will of the Owner and Creator of the Universe! And we need to acknowledge that both “*Masculinity*” and “*Femininity*” is the “Good”; the “True”; and the “Beautiful” that MUST be upheld; established; defended; and celebrated!

And like ALL that is “Good”; and “True”; and “Beautiful”- God has already *infallibly* spoken about this Subject- *clearly and repeatedly!* And He has spoken in Scripture in such a Way that it simply CANNOT be misunderstood- by any rational thinking human being. And so, it sits there- in the inerrant Word of God- ready to be loved and gladly obeyed; or despised and energetically opposed. But it refuses to remain Neutral!

Now if you were a Member of the ACLU; or the Elks Club; or the US House of Representatives- you might think you can *ignore* what the Scriptures clearly and repeatedly declare about this Issue. And you would then feel the Liberty to gladly work to “*over-turn Centuries of Male Domination and seek for the Liberation of oppressed Women*”.

But if you are a Member of the Body of Jesus Christ; and of the world-wide Church of Jesus; and of the local Covenant of Peace Church- you have linked yourself to a living and breathing Organism- that is seeking to be “biblical” in ALL our Ways. You have become a part of the eternal and world-wide “One; Holy; catholic; and Apostolic Church of the First- Born- that Jesus is building and over which Jesus alone is Head! And you are attached to a local Body- an Assembly- that believes the 66 Books of the Bible are the Inspired; Inerrant; and Infallible Word of the living God! Therefore, as a Member- your Obligation; your Duty; and your Joy- is to worship the Lamb; and to follow Him wherever He goes! And since the Bible clearly instructs us how to behave; and how to live our Lives to God’s Glory- we seek to be found Faithful to what it says! And we do so- NOT seeking a Fight- but perfectly willing to refuse to bow our knees to any Law; any Government; any earthly Authority; any Philosophy; any Teaching; and any Effort that would subvert God’s Word!

We proudly carry the Name of “*Christian*” (little christs)- that was originally meant as an Insult- but which now identifies us as people, who have already been “bought-and-paid-for” by the precious Blood of Jesus Christ- and who are NOT “for sale” to anyone at any Price!

So, because that is true- I am not interested in preaching a Message that is attractive to the World- or one that fits in with their distorted View of Life! I am interested in preaching a Message that is attractive to Jesus; and one that is Faithful to what came out of the Mouth and the Mind and the Heart of Almighty God!

Now this Morning we come to the Divine Instruction given to the third Group within the Church- the younger Women. Let's look again at verses 3, 4 and 5.

**3 Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good,
4 so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,
5 to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.**

Now as we discovered last Time- one of the main Responsibilities of the *older* Women of the Church is that they are to “*encourage*” the *younger* Women. And in these verses Paul gets very specific about just what the older Women are to be “encouraging” the younger Women about. You see, dear friends, God has very clearly established His own “Order” for the Conduct of the five Groups of people- who belong to Him. But at this Moment in our History- what God *requires* of younger Women is being *fought* and *rejected* more *viciously* than anything else! And there is a Reason for that.

In fact, if I were to preach this Message by itself, I might give it this Title, “*The ongoing, pagan, feminist War against God; and the Assault against His Divine Order for young Women; and the unfaithful and weak Men who won't stop it!*” But I won't do that because that Title is too long.

Sadly, far too many young Women in the American Church are learning how to lead and preach in the Church- while supposedly moving in the “prophetic Anointing”. They are being taught to “*Shake off the Shackles that bind them to outdated and archaic Bondages of the Past- and be Free!*” But they're also looking at obeying these verses here in **Titus 2** as being either “Optional” or as some kind of “Hinderance” that should be *ignored* and *overcome*! Many of them are praying and fasting and listening to worship Music all day long- yet they are in

direct Rebellion to what the Holy Spirit through Paul teaches here. How could that be?

And the Result is that many Christian Homes are completely Dysfunctional; Marriages are collapsing all around us; Divorce among Believers is at an all-time high; the children are neck deep in Worldliness; and the Word of God is being dishonored! Many young Women are being told that following the Ways of the modern World is the Path to Happiness and Fulfillment- even when those Ways are in direct Opposition to the Word of God!

We must first establish that “loving Jesus” or “worshipping God” or “being Spiritual” or “being godly” or “following Jesus” or “walking with God” or “bearing godly Fruit” are simply different Terms describing the very SAME thing. Genuine “Spirit and Truth Worship” is NOT some esoteric or mystical Experience. Worshipping Jesus- in both Spirit and in Truth- is defined like this:

Believers- struggling against the Lusts of their Flesh (by the Power of the Holy Spirit) to be humbly and joyfully submitted to the Authority of Scripture (in their daily Lives) all to the Glory of God!

... and this Struggle is done DAILY- *everywhere*- and NOT merely in Church and NOT merely on the Lord’s Day!

So, according to this Passage- a married Woman, who *refuses* to submit to the Authority of her Husband, is NOT pleasing to God; and she is NOT worshipping God- no matter how much of the Bible she thinks she knows. And a married Woman, who puts someone or something before her Home and her Children is NOT being godly nor spiritual- but is the very Epitome of Carnality and Worldliness- no matter how many biblical Mysteries she may comprehend!

We must remember that Scripture is the “Product” of God the Holy Spirit *supernaturally* “moving” on godly men to write down 66 Books that represent the Will and Word of God! And so, God the Holy Spirit will NEVER lead or instruct anyone to ever (in any Way) *ignore; minimize; disbelieve; or rebel* against Scripture.

And it really doesn’t matter what we might think or feel about what the Scriptures say. The Scriptures are True; they are Right; and Correct; and Obedience to what they say and teach is ALWAYS pleasing to God; it is ALWAYS Godly; and it IS what “being Holy” looks like. And it is “Salvation” that so radically changes the individual Believer so that Obedience to Scripture becomes a Delight and the Pathway to the Fullness of their own Joy!

So, let's examine God's Divine Order for healthy; happy; fulfilled; satisfied; fully content; and biblically strong young Women. Let's look again at the *first* part of verse 4:

so that they may encourage the young women ...

So older Women- those who are fifty- sixty- seventy- eighty- ninety- one hundred years old are to “come along side” of younger Women- those who are *younger* than fifty- and they are to “encourage” them. They are to put their arms around the younger Women and engage them in an ongoing Conversation about the eight things that will bring forth God's Glory in the Family; and in the Church; and that will bring forth the Fullness of Joy in the Women.

And as I said earlier- this "encouraging" can be a formal Bible study conducted at the Church or in a Home on **Proverbs 31** Women or **Titus 2** Women or other Studies on the Lives of the godly Women in the Bible; or this “encouraging” can be *informal* Gatherings that talk about things like Modesty; and child Rearing; and Issues that Women need help with. This can be nothing more than an encouraging word; a prayer offered over the phone; a book or a CD that is given in love; or a brochure that answers some Questions. It could be that you give a young woman struggling with her Marriage a godly Website to look at; or that you would go to Lunch with her; or pick up a young Lady from School and take her to get a coke and just talk.

However you do it- it should be an *ongoing* Conversation that ALL of the older Women in the Church co-ordinate with- so that at the End of the Day - every young Woman in this Church will have access to Help and Encouragement about all eight of these Issues.

No young Woman should be left out; and no older Woman should be idle. All of the older Women should be working together to assure that every younger Woman has the Encouragement and the Information that she needs to be found Faithful to these eight things.

And the first thing that the Holy Spirit had Paul write was that the older Women would help the younger Women:

... to love their husbands ...

Now this is very strange to me. I fully understand why God wants us to teach Men to love their Wives- because Men are basically Barbarians. But I thought that it was *normal and natural* for Women to love their Husbands. But then I saw the Reason *why* the Holy Spirit put this in here- and it has to do with the Day in which we live.

Matthew 24:12

Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold.

As God continues to *judge* and *abandon* America- He is *restraining* people less and less. So, God is allowing them to do what is already in their Hearts to do- without us having any Remorse or Conviction or any Disturbance.

We must understand that it is the ongoing *restraining* Ministry of the Holy Spirit that God sovereignly uses that keeps people from descending down into more and more Wickedness. Many times, God the Holy Spirit sovereignly stops people from doing what they really want to do! He *thwarts* and *frustrates* the Efforts to sin against God and Man. So, never be guilty of saying, "*Well things couldn't get much Worse!*" because the Reality is that things could be *much* Worse than they are right now! But this is *part* of how God keeps Civilization and Cultures and Nations and peoples from *annihilating* themselves! And it is also how God the Holy Spirit keeps saved people- safe and secure in His Grace and Loving Kindness!

But there is a particular kind of Judgment called, the "*Judgment of Abandonment*" in which God engages- where He turns a people; or a nation; over to their own Lusts and no longer sovereignly holds them back. So, in this Judgment- God sovereignly *allows* people to do all that is in their Hearts to do- *without* Restraint; or Conviction; and *without* any internal Regret. And **Romans 1** was written to tell us about the Judgment of Abandonment. And in verses 24, 26, and 28 you see the phrase- "**God gave them over**".

Romans 1:22-24

22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,

23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

24 Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them.

Romans 1:25-27

25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

26 For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural,

27 and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

Romans 1:28-32

28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, 29 being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, 30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, 31 without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; 32 and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

... and so, it is this sovereign "giving over" that is the "*Judgment of Abandonment*" where God no longer deals with these people; or this Nation- but allows them to do the most evil and vicious Acts of Depravity that the fallen human Mind can image without any Restraint and without any Remorse!

Now there has *always* been Sin in every Society. But when you see blatant; perverted Sin become *normalized* as well as actually *promoted* and *defended*- by Law and by the Government- this is a people, who are underneath this type of Judgment.

And so, this is NOT that people are sinning terribly and will soon fall into God's Judgment. The sovereign "giving them over" IS the Judgment!

Now, by and large, Women are more *reluctant* to engage in horrific Sin than Men. So, when Women *lose* that Reluctance and begin to openly *promote* and *advocate* sexual Perverseness; and when Women lose the natural Tendency to stay away from these Sins; and when the Women of that abandoned Culture burn in their Lusts one to another without any Regret or Conviction- then know that God has *abandoned* them!

And as American Women became sexually and financially "liberated"- they no longer saw the Need of loving their Husbands; or of graciously and lovingly submitting to the Authority of the Husband in the Home; or to godly Men in the Church. And the Result is that now- Husbands are submitting to the ungodly Authority of the Wives in the Homes; and now Men all over the Country are submitting to the ungodly Authority of Women in the Church!

Our American Culture couldn't care less about maintaining the biblical Pattern of loving Leadership from godly Men; and loving Submission from godly Women. Sadly, our Nation earnestly seeks to establish its *own* Order- based not in the creative Genius of God but based in what they call, "human Ability"; "human Potential"; and "human Equality"!

So, today- more and more young Women see no Need to love their Husbands; nor love their Children; nor to be “keepers at Home”- and more often now- Women are joyfully casting off any Semblance of Modesty and sexual Restraint- and bragging about it.

I know many people, who are fundamentally Liberal, who have *always* supported what they call, “*Family Planning*” or “*Reproductive Rights*”. But even at that- those Liberals, while allowing for Abortion in some cases- thought it was *always* Tragic. They saw it as a sad and regretful situation- similar to an “*Amputation*”! But many of these same people are astonished at what is going on now- as Women are NO LONGER merely advocating for the “Right” to murder their babies. These liberated Women are openly *celebrating* and *rejoicing* over the Times they have allowed medical Professionals, all of whom had taken an Oath to *preserve* Life- to literally hack their babies to death- piece- by- piece with “surgical hoes”!

So, instead of being used to maintain the Integrity and the Stability and the Honor of the Family and pass biblical Truth to the next Generation (as has been done for over 6,000 years)- liberated Women all over this Nation march in the Streets for the “Right” to murder their own Children! Today American Women have eaten the forbidden Fruit and now they seek to "be all they can be"- as those Children, who have not been murdered, are given over to be raised by Strangers; as Women completely *abandon* any semblance of Submission so they can pursue their own Careers!

But even though we see this Sin growing every Day- we must NOT be discouraged. Because God has been faithful to give us the Cure: the older Women in the Church must work and pray and labor together to come along side of the younger Women, who have been raised with an ungodly feminist Mentality, and encourage them to worship God by loving their Husbands and their Children!

And that's one Greek word- *philandros*- which means: to be a “*Husband lover*”. And that's what it means in **1 Timothy 5**- to be a “*one-man Woman*”- totally devoted to your Husband; and totally committed to being the Help and Support he needs- so that he may fulfill God's Call on his Life. **Ephesians 5:25** says,

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,

... and that's the Key to help Wives submit to the Authority of the Husbands! Men are to love their Wives in the SAME Way as Jesus loves His Church! So, how did Jesus love His Church? He loves His Church when the Church is Unlovable; and even when the Church is Sinful! He loves us when we aren't worthy of His Love. He loves us *sacrificially*! He loves us- “*protectingly*”.

And that's how Husbands are to love their Wives. And when Wives are loved like that- it is very easy for a Woman, of any Intelligence at all, to understand that this Man would die for her! And she would be a Fool not to submit to him! And that Safety and Security based in Love- *empowers* the Wife to rest comfortably in his Arms! And that allows for her to be a “Husband lover”! Wives are to love their Husbands!

Now some would say, *"But you don't know my Husband. I don't submit to my Husband- because I don't sense that he loves me. He is Cold; and Distant; and he has really hurt me! And so, I don't feel Comfortable submitting to him!"*

And my Response to you is that God has chosen you to help *change* your Husband! You are the one, who can *minister* to your Husband- even when you're NOT getting anything in return! And you are the ONLY person on earth who can do that! So, why go to all that Trouble? Because you love God; and you seek to worship Him; and you know that Rebellion against what God has spoken in **Titus 2** does NOT please Him and is NOT Worship! *"But Brother Blair, what will I get out of it?"* You will receive the Joy of knowing that you are in humble Obedience to God's Word; and, if God so permits- you will *eventually* get a Husband, who loves you like Christ loves His Church!

But Wives must realize that it is NOT a “one-way Street”. Because God does NOT allow Men to get off the hook here. ALL Men are *commanded* by Scripture to love their Wives just like Jesus loves His Church! And so, Men are required to *create* that stable and loving Environment at Home that allows for Wives to feel Safe and Secure in their Submission. And so, if Men don't do this- they are sinning and are NOT worshipping God! But SOMEBODY has to move first! And so, the godly Wife will respect and honor her unworthy Husband until he sees what a Jewel he has in her! And a godly Husband will love and support and protect his unworthy Wife- until she sees what a Jewel she has in him! But if they NEVER see- then a born again Believer will obey God anyway!

So, if you don't already love your Husband then you need to *train* yourself and teach yourself to love your Husband! Why? Because that is what God requires! And the Way you train yourself to love your Husband is to continue to serve him; and serve him; and do every good thing for him; and every kind thing to him; and every gracious thing to him; and you will make such a massive Investment in him, you will say, *"I've got too much in this guy not to love him!"*

Next the Apostle was “moved” by God the Holy Spirit to tell the older Women to encourage the younger Women to “love their Children.” And that's also one Greek word, *philoteknos*, which means: *to be “children Lovers”*. And I want to say this as loud; and as bold; and without any Hesitation; and without any Apology whatsoever. Women- loving your Children is your *highest*; your most

noble; your most important; your most glorious; your most satisfying; your most fulfilling; your most fundamental; and your most joyful Calling!

Bearing and raising and loving Children is WHY God made you Female in the first place! Hear me- no matter what Foolishness our Culture is saying right now- MEN CANNOT BEAR CHILDREN! So, without you- human Beings would cease to exist!

So, this is why God gave you what He gave you; why God made you the Way that He made you; and why God gave you the Hormones; and the physical Characteristics; and the emotional Aspects; and the Reason why God wired your Brain the way He did! Children is why God provided you with the Elements of your Womanhood- to bear; and to raise; and to nurture; Children- so that you may pass on the biblical Truth of God and His Salvation through Jesus Christ to the next Generation!

Without you- there won't even be another Generation! Without you *yielding* to the biological and the creative Genius of your God in making you able to bear and nurture Children- there won't be anyone to pass biblical Truth to! And so, God has written this on your Soul to have the emotional; the physical; the mental; and the spiritual Capacity to bear them; raise them; and nurture them! And therefore- *anything* that young Women buy into; or believe; or do; in this Life that takes them *away* from bearing; and raising; and nurturing Children; *anything* that young Women do that *minimizes* or that *contradicts* or that *alters* or that seeks to *transform* this basic Aspect of Womanhood is Evil to its very Core! And it is Destructive and Wrong on a basic and fundamental Level!

But make no Mistake about it- the modern American Feminist Movement is NOT about “*Equal Pay for equal Work!*” Feminism seeks to “liberate” Women from Childbearing; and to completely “eliminate” the Institution of Marriage itself! I have a very comprehensive and in-depth Analysis of the modern American Feminist Movement in my Study on “*Biblical Manhood and Womanhood*” that you might want to get a Copy of- that traces the Origins of Feminism back to its Roots in ancient Gnosticim!

But in his inspired and infallible Teaching as to *why* Women CANNOT worship the one, true, and living God by being ordained Pastors and Elders in the Church- the Apostle Paul gave two basic and fundamental Reasons as to why that is true. Please turn with me to **1Timothy 2:12-15:**

12 But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet.

13 For it was Adam who was first created, and then Eve.

14 And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

15 But women will be preserved through the bearing of children if they continue in faith and love and sanctity with self-restraint.

Now no one can operate in the Office of either a Pastor or an Elder without *periodically* teaching and usurping Authority over both Men and Women. So on a *practical* Level- since a Woman is *forbidden* here to usurp Authority over the Man or teach a Man; and since a Woman taking on the Role of Pastor or Elder would *require* her to teach and to usurp Authority over the Man- it is *impossible* for her to fill the Responsibility as a Pastor or an Elder in the House of God!

Now, sadly, this Statement by the Apostle Paul is very Controversial in our Day; and it seems so Strange and so odd; and so Unfair; and so wrong; and so discriminatory to our modern 21st Century American Mentality that is all about Freedom and Equality. So, this Statement needs to be explained and put forth in its proper Context.

Is Paul simply a male domination Freak? Is the Apostle Paul propagating the chauvinistic Enslavement of Women by evil and controlling Men? Some teach today that, “*Yes!*” Paul was an oppressive and neanderthal Bully. Others teach that this Statement by Paul was simply giving his Readers a glimpse into what the Culture was like 2,000 years ago; and is NOT a Commandment from God that we are to follow today!

But look closely at verses 13& 14 again to see the two Reasons why Women are forbidden by God to hold Positions as Elders and Pastors in the Church which require them to teach and usurp Authority over Men:

For it was Adam who was first created, and then Eve. And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

... neither of which involves what Life was like back in the 1st Century! In verse 13- the Apostle uses the Argument from the “Creation Account” found in **Genesis 1-3**. And Paul says that the fact that God created Adam first- signifies his primary Role as a Leader!

Now God certainly *could have* created Women at the *same* Time; in the *same* Way; and for the *same* Reason He created Man. Yet we see that He *didn't!* God made Man *first* out of the dust of the earth and the Apostle said that is Significant! And God *could have* left it at that- and ALL human Beings would be Males! But then God made a “Divine Declaration” and said,

“It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him.” (Genesis 2:18)

God did NOT *ask* Adam if he was “Lonely” or if he wanted a Date! In fact, God didn’t ask Adam *anything*! God made a Declaration that it was “NOT GOOD” that me is alone! And so, God made the Women FROM the Man! And the Point Paul is making in **1Timothy 2** is that the Distinction; this Uniqueness; this Difference between how Men are commanded to worship God and how Women are to worship God- is NOT something that Paul originated; or that the Culture of 1st Century Israel created- but is an *unarguable* Truth that has existed from the very Beginning- even BEFORE the Fall! And now look again at **1Timothy 2:14**:

And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

Now Paul is NOT teaching that Eve sinned- but Adam didn’t; nor that Eve was *worse* than Adam. Because in both **Romans 5** and in **1Corinthians 15**- this very *same* Apostle taught that the entire human Race fell because of what Adam did- and NOT because of what Eve did! So, the “Burden of Guilt” for the Fall lays with Adam- and NOT Eve!

The Divine Curse of Original Sin that plagues every single one of us- does NOT come from Eve- it comes from Adam! And it is passed to each successive Generation- NOT from the Woman- but from the Seed of the Man!

So, in **1Timothy 2**- Paul is simply saying that because Eve was created on purpose by God to be the “weaker Vessel”- she was *deceived* into sinning by the Craftiness of the serpent. But Adam was NOT deceived! Adam sinned because he *wanted* to! Adam was *dissatisfied* with the Way God was operating the Universe and wanted to live *independently* from God and His Ways! But Adam did NOT protect nor defend his Wife from being deceived by the devil. And THAT is why Eve fell into Temptation!

So, it is these two Reasons *why* Women are to be *excluded* from being ordained as Pastors or Elders in the House of God:

1. **The “Order of Creation”**- whereby in the Beginning, God created Man to worship Him by submitting to loving Leadership; Protection; and Provision to the Woman while God created Woman to worship Him by submitting to loving Help and Support to the Man

2. **Women are the “Weaker Vessel”**- whereby Women will find “spiritual Protection” under the Care of a loving and a godly Man- because it is *easier* for her to be deceived.

Sadly, it is true that, periodically through the Centuries- there have been evil and sinful Men, who took these two Aspects- that are undeniably True- and *perverted* and *twisted* them- to mean something that God never intended. So, they sinfully *dominated* Women; “*lorded over them*”; and they *forced* Women into Submission with Brutality and Violence! And that was Terrible and Wrong and Ungodly! Yet simply because some wicked Men *abused* this Issue does NOT alleviate Women today from striving to obey it now!

Then Paul put the “icing on the cake” by teaching verse 15 that infallibly declares that Women will be “**preserved**” through the “**bearing of children**”. Now this has NOTHING to do with a *spiritual* “Preservation” or even a type of “Salvation” in the sense that Women are somehow delivered from their Sins- because Women bearing children does not have the Power to wash away a single Sin or save a single Soul. ALL genuine Salvation is BY Grace and THROUGH the Gift of saving Faith in Jesus personally and in His finished Work!

The Apostle Paul is simply teaching that Women will be *rescued* or kept safe (Preserved) from the brutal Domination of ungodly Men; and they will be “*preserved*” from being blamed for the Fall and will be *delivered* from the Stigma of Eve's Transgression in this Life by bearing and raising Children.

Now God has decreed throughout both the Old and New Testaments that Women are fully Equal with Men in the sense that Women are *equally* saved; they may pray with *equal* Access to Heaven; and they are free to minister in any number of Ways- *especially* to other Women and Children- including younger Boys. And Women are free to be used by God in any number of productive and spiritual and wonderful Ways that will edify the Church and bring Glory to God!

So, God did NOT; the Bible does NOT; and I am NOT teaching that all that Women can do- is to sit at Home; keep House; cook food; and get Pregnant! Manifestly, this very Passage in **Titus 2** *commands* older Women to be very busy encouraging the younger Women.

But what God *IS* saying; what the Bible *DOES* say; and what I *AM* saying- is that *whatever* a Woman does- she must be careful that she does NOT do *anything* that will *detract* in any Way from her God- given Responsibilities to be the Help and the Support to the Man that God called her to be! And if she is married and she does have children- the strong; spiritually healthy; and godly Woman will find her Joy; her Contentment; her Satisfaction; and the fullness of her Fulfillment- in *yielding* herself to that God given Role of both Mother and Wife!

God has called Husbands and Fathers and Sons and Brothers and

Uncles and Grandfathers to struggle against the Lusts of their flesh- by the indwelling Power of the Holy Spirit- to be found humbly and joyfully submitted to the Authority of Scripture- in their daily Lives- all to the Glory of God- after the Model set forth here in **Titus 2** and other places! And that is what Worship for Men looks like! And that is True whether the Man is a Pastor or a Farmer or a Ditch-Digger.

And God has called Women to struggle against the Lusts of their Flesh- by the indwelling Power of the Holy Spirit- to be found humbly and joyfully submitted to the Authority of Scripture- in their daily Lives- all to the Glory of God- after the Model set forth here in **Titus 2** and other places! And that is what Worship looks like for Women!

So, if a Man is a Millionaire; and gives tons of Money to the Cause of Jesus; and helps send Missionaries all over the World- but does NOT strive to love his Wife; and does NOT provide and protect his Family; and is he does NOT lead in the Home and in the Church- that Man is a Rebel; and is in Sin; and is NOT worshipping God!

And if a Woman reads and studies the Bible all day long; and understands the great Mysteries of the Bible; and prays constantly- but if she does NOT love her Husband; if she is NOT under Subjection to his Authority; if she does NOT love her Children- then that Woman is a Rebel; she is in Sin; and is NOT worshipping God!

Look, I want everybody to come to Church and be a part of the Bible Studies and the Prayer meetings. But **Titus 2** was given to us a Gift by God the Holy Spirit to tell us what a spiritually healthy Church looks like. I didn't write this! And Paul never even asked me what I thought about it! So, if Women are in Church every time the Doors are open- but if they neglect to obey what is written here in **Titus 2**- then they are very *unhealthy*- spiritually speaking! And if the Women of the Church are *unhealthy*- then the Church itself is *unhealthy*!

For anyone for any Reason to establish *another* Order that is contrary to the Divine Order of how Men and Women are to live in this World- is to rebel against God. And we must understand, dear friends, that Rebellion is NEVER Worship. A true Christian CANNOT sanction Rebellion; we CANNOT justify it; we cannot allow it; and we CANNOT excuse it. The only thing we can do about Rebellion is- by the Power of the risen Christ- and to God's Glory- repent of it; turn from it; and change!

When a Woman joyfully and fully surrenders her Life; her Ambitions; and her Dreams to the Word of God- *without* Remorse and *without* Hesitation- and she submits herself to God by submitting herself to the Authority of a strong; godly and loving Husband- the Bible promises to Women that the Stigma of the Curse on Eve- by which ALL Women live every Day under (because

Eve was deceived) is reversed! And that Woman will be "preserved" or "Kept Safe" from that Stigma when they bear and rear another godly Generation of people. That is a Woman's Highest; and Best; and most Noble; and most Important Calling.

Now what about Women who *can't* have Children or who never did? God will bless those Women as they stand as great Examples and Helps to the younger Women. Because they can help raise and teach and nurture the Children of others and they can help encourage younger Women to obey this Passage!

And what about Women, whose Husbands are either sick or dead or who sinfully will NOT support the Family? Those Women *have* to work. And they *have* to leave Home; leave their Children with others and go into the business Field. Are they wrong? NO! Those Women deserve our Respect and Prayers and our Love and Mercy.

But what about the Women, who desire a Career? Does God care about that? Is that Desire sinful? Not necessarily. But if a Woman believes that God has called her to do things like that- then by all means go! But then don't marry a Husband and don't have children or wait until after the Children have been raised! I know several godly Women, who have very strong and powerful College Degrees. But they put their Careers on hold; bore and raised their Children; and after consultation with their Husbands, restarted their Professions after their Children were grown and out of the House!

What about Women in the Military? Women in this Country have *always* served nobly in the Military in medical and other support Roles. But it is so very Tragic for a Woman to leave what is BEST about being a Woman (creating Life) to go and do what is WORST about being a Man (killing Life in a War)! It isn't that a Woman CAN'T do some things in the Military- but the Issue is that she SHOULDN'T. And that is NOT simply me saying that as a 71 year- old Man. That is the very Essence of Scripture. And it is 232 years of American History saying that- as this Nation NEVER wanted or allowed Women to fight and die in fox holes until Mr. Obama became our President!

Now, let me hasten to say that there are *some* Women that God wants to be Single. But they are the Exception. But God doesn't want them to be married. They have what the New Testament calls a "Gift of Singleness". **1Corinthians 7** says that Women who are Single should remain Single- IF they can do that. And so should Men- because by being Single- they can devote their whole Life to Christ and not be encumbered by having to care for a Husband or a Wife and a Family and Children and all of that.

The Bible teaches very clearly that God has called *some* people to be *Eunuchs* for the Kingdom of God's sake. And some Women are designed by God to be Single for the Kingdom's sake as well. And there are some Women who are

“barren” for the Kingdom's sake- for God's Own Divine Purposes. And there are some Men, who are unable to sire Children and therefore, their Wives will never bear children. God knows all of that. And in God's Purpose and in God's Providence- God equips those who are called to that- to be used in any number of Ways with full Access to Heaven with all of God's Blessings! But those are the unique Exceptions. The general Rule is that Women bear Children; love the Children that they bear; and raise them to love Jesus and obey the Bible!

Obviously, God doesn't want *all* Women to be Mothers or they would be. God has designed *some* Women to have the “Uniqueness of Singleness” and to not have Children for His Own Purposes. And we can thank God for what single Women mean to the Kingdom of God. And we can thank God- and I do daily- for what Women, who have no Children, mean to the Kingdom- because God has given them Freedom to serve in many unique and wonderful Ways! And this is what is “Good”; and “True”; and “Beautiful”! And Lord willing, we will continue this next Week!

Amen! Let's pray.

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