

# The Characteristics of a Spiritually Healthy Church

## An Exposition of **Titus 2** 6- Younger Women- Part 2

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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*

The Passage that was just read to us is at least two things:

1. It is one of the most *Despised* Passages in all of the 66 Books of the Holy Bible
2. It is one of the most *Important* Passages in all of the Holy Bible

This Passage tells us what “*being spiritual*”; “*being Holy*”; and “*being godly*” looks like in the Lives of all five Groups of people, who make up the Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

You see, the entire Concept of “biblical Holiness”- in the New Covenant- has to do with the normal and natural Behavior in our daily Lives. Because the Miracle of the New Birth transforms the human Nature! And that transformed human Nature- *eventually*- is displayed in the *outward* Behavior of the individual Believer. This Chapter tells us- infallibly- what that Behavior should look like.

So, in addition to God being very concerned with how Christians deal with Money; and Sex; and Politics; and War; and things like Forgiveness; and Mercy; and Love- God is also concerned- very deeply concerned- with how older Men and Women; younger Men and Women; and how Slaves; Servants; or Employees behave themselves in both the Church and in the Home.

And it is God Himself, Who established and defined these Issues. So, for Example, a Husband, who does NOT love his Wife as Christ loved the Church; a Husband, who does NOT lead and protect and provide for his Family- is a sinful Rebel- even if he understands and can preach the Bible in a Way that captures people’s souls and that brings about tremendous Conversions. And a Wife, who is NOT Submissive to her Husband- is a sinful Rebel- no matter how many other things for Jesus she may be doing!

What we MUST Know- is that God loves His people! And God is the One, who established what is “Good” and “True” and “Beautiful”! And so, God NEVER commands us to either “believe” or to “do” *anything* that is Bad for us! God is a very Good Father. And He knows “Manhood” and “Womanhood”. He knows them BOTH *deeply and fully*. And He knows how much this Life can be Good and True and Beautiful when these Issues are lived out according to His good Purposes!

God *sovereignly and purposefully* gave us amazing Gifts of Sexuality and Love and He wove all of that in the amazing Differences between Manhood and Womanhood that go far deeper than sexual Organs. God made us to be “Male” and “Female” from the top our Heads to the bottom of our Feet and in all that we do. And He did that on Purpose.

And God knows how Good and True and Beautiful Marriage can be when Husbands and Wives act according to His good Purposes.

And this is so great; and so precious; and so pervasive; and so profound; and so powerful; that it is very Foolish to experiment with it from Generation to Generation the Way the lost, pagan World does.

Since it is true that we all have ONLY one, single Life to live on this earth- we would be very Wise to listen to and to strive to obey- our Maker, our Designer, our Father, our Friend, our Redeemer, and to bring our Manhood and Womanhood into Alignment with what He has infallibly revealed.

And both the Man and the Woman were created to *interact* with one another. They *feed* on each other; and compliment one another- so, much so, that if you didn't know any better, you would think God made it to be this Way on Purpose!

But there are several Keys that help the Woman submit to the Man and that help the Man to love and to lead the Woman. For Example:

## **1. Biblical Submission Flows out from Biblical Headship**

The first Key is that the Meaning of a Wife's biblical Submission is a happy Response to a Husband's biblical Leadership or, what **Ephesians 5:23** calls, "*Headship*". So, when Husbands are doing what God calls Men to do in a Marriage- and they are doing it *biblically*- most Wives love it; and are happy to Respond to it- *supportively*. So, Women should marry a Man, who understands biblical Headship and has the Maturity and the Humility to grow in it.

So, marry a Man, who understands his Role; and has the Maturity and the Humility to grow into this Role; into this Leadership and Headship. Because it will be very difficult for the young Woman to live out her Life of godly Submissiveness if her Husband is not a godly Leader. Now it is not Impossible- and the Bible talks about that- but it will be much harder. So, you sure don't want to choose that at the front End of your Marriage.

## **2. Headship Initiates, Submission Supports**

Biblical Submission means an intelligent, happy, and wise Support for the Leadership of your Husband. and that means a few Key things from him. This simply means you genuinely *love* it when he leads. And by leading- here comes the Qualification- so you know what you are aiming at- by Leading, I do NOT mean that he makes "unilateral Decisions" without talking to you; or caring about what you think. That would contradict your Role as a "**fellow heir of the grace of life**" (1Peter 3:7). And it would also contradict his Role as a fallible Follower of Jesus.

The Husband is NOT Jesus. ONLY Jesus is Jesus. So, your Husband is NOT your *ultimate* Lord. ONLY Jesus is. And a godly Husband knows that, and so, he

wants to *honor* that; and *encourage* you in your personal Submission to following Jesus. He doesn't put himself in the Place of your all-controlling Lord. He knows Jesus alone holds that Place.

So, what I mean by "his Leadership" is that he takes the Initiative. He says, "Let's" most often. That is something I say to a Couple, when I am counseling them. I ask: "*Who says, 'Let's' the most in this Marriage?*" And if she is the one who has to constantly say: "*Let's do this and let's do this and let's do this*"- and he is just goofing off- then that is a serious Problem. He should be *taking the Initiative* in Family Devotions. He should be *taking the Initiative* in the Discipline of the children. He should be *taking the Initiative* in financial Responsibility. He should be *taking the Initiative* in the moral Standards of the Home; and in the Pattern of Giving; and in church Life, and on and on and on. And when I say, he should "take the Initiative", I do NOT mean that he takes charge in any detailed Way as if he should run everything. He should NOT run everything.

Here is an Example. If I say to the Husband, "*Take the Initiative in Finances. Don't drag your feet with regard to how the Money is made; how the Money is saved; how the Money is invested; how the Money is spent; and how the Money is given!*" That means: "*Don't drag your Feet and expect your Wife to solve all these Problems! You are the one that should take the Initiative!*" And what I mean by him "taking the Initiative" is that he says things like: "*Can we talk about our Finances to make sure that we are living within our Means and honoring the Lord with our Money?*" But then he might also say, "*I am not very good with these Numbers- so, how about you keeping the Checkbook and write the Checks for the Utilities and so on?*"

So, godly Leadership does NOT mean doing it all! Leadership means sitting down at the Table and "taking the Initiative" to put things in Motion to solve Problems. Women love to have their Husbands "take the Initiative" to put things in motion to get Problems solved! Of course, they want to be a Part of the Solution and OUGHT to be a Part of the Solution! But O, how Sad it is when Wives have to drag their Husbands to the Table to try get something going like that!

So, a good, submissive Wife, may have more Competency than her Husband in lots of Areas. And they should both recognize that; and set up the Management of the Home in various Ways that show that. So, please keep in mind that Leadership doesn't mean superior Competencies.

But "biblical Submission" WANTS the Husband to lead! She WANTS him to make things happen; and put things in motion; and take the Initiative!

### **3. Christ Is the Ultimate Head**

But “biblical Submission” also means that, in Principle, in the rare Cases where the two of you, after arguing for Days about what should be done- and you haven’t persuaded him; and he hasn’t persuaded you- the submissive Wife says to the Husband: *“I am going to trust God to lead you to do what is Right here!”* And say that even though she may disagree with which Way he is going. So, she is going to *yield*, in Principle, to whatever he says.

And the reason I say “in Principle” is because a good Husband at that Moment might use that Privilege to go her Way. He may love her. He may want to be gracious to her. He may not want to take that Authority here and wield it in a Direction she doesn’t want to go because he loves her, and so he may just say: *“No, we will do it your Way!”* But she has sent the Message loud and clear to him: *“I will not put my foot down; and say that you must do it my Way. We are going to go your Way, and I am going to trust you to do what is Right!”* So, a good Husband will sometimes yield even though she has given him the Privilege.

But a godly Wife will NEVER follow her Husband into Sin. So, the Headship of the Husband is NOT ultimate Headship. Jesus Christ is the ultimate Head; and she will always seek to do the Right thing; and not sin- if her Husband calls her to follow him into Sin.

- God knows what is Best for us and His Way of Submission and Headship is the Path of Joy
- Be sure to marry a Man who is Mature enough and Humble enough to lead-biblically
- Submission is mainly an intelligent, happy, and wise Support for that godly Leadership.
- Biblical Submission is a Responsiveness to him taking the Initiative- which is NOT comprehensive Control, but involves you in the planning of the family Life
- Biblical Submission means that in a Draw you say: “I trust you to do what is Best”
- Biblical Submission means ultimate Submission to Jesus so that you never follow your Husband into Sin

With rare Exceptions, Women are called by God to be Wives and Mothers. And they are to bear Children. And in bearing those Children- they have the Responsibility to love those Children; and raise them to love Jesus. And that usually means that the Woman will sacrifice their entire Life on the children's Behalf.

Older Women are also to *encourage* younger Women to be “**Sensible**”. There's that Greek *sophron* root again meaning: *to have Sound Judgment*;

*Common Sense; Right Thinking; Right Priorities; to be very Basic.* The older Women should “*come along side*” of the younger Women and they are to encourage the younger Women about the “Common Sense Stuff of Life”- just the normal Processes of knowing your Priorities and of thinking Rightly and making Sound Judgments and applying Wisdom.

The Old Testament says, “*Where you have Wickedness in the Family- it takes three or four Generations to turn it around.*” It's not easy to undo what has been taught. So, it's going to be a hard and a long Time before our Culture gets turned around. But what will help is that some of us actually do this Stuff; that we as a Church submit ourselves to this Pattern here in **Titus 2** and be found Faithful in our own individual Lives to live like this.

Those of us who are married need to have strong godly biblically healthy Marriages where the Man is the Head and he sacrificially loves his Wife; and where the Woman loves her Husband and her Children and where she has graciously and intelligently and joyfully submitted to the Authority of her Husband.

So, those Women, who are over 50, should get with Brother Vern to set up just how we will go about obeying this part of God’s Word as a Church! And those Women, who are under 50 should be seeking out older, godly Women to help you establish the Pattern of your Life- along the Lines of **Titus 2**. Because that is what it means to be “spiritually Healthy”; and that is what it means to be “spiritual”; and that is what it means to be “strong” and “healthy”; and “godly”!

Then Paul told the older Women to teach or encourage the younger Women “**to be pure**” That's “*hagnos*” in the Greek; and it means: *to be chaste; morally pure; virtuous; sexually Faithful to their Husbands*. Older Women- you should be encouraging the younger Women to be fully devoted to one Man- their own Husbands. And to be morally Pure. Please turn with me to **1Peter 3:1-6**:

**1 In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives,**

**2 as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior.**

**3 Your adornment must not be merely external —braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses;**

**4 but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.**

**5 For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands;**

**6 just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear.**

And of course, the Issue here is that we are *not* the Issue. Coming to Church is not a fashion Show; it isn't about who can dress up more than somebody else. So don't be worried about braiding your hair; and wearing gold jewelry; and putting on expensive flamboyant dresses! Women are told to worry about the hidden Person of the Heart with the imperishable Quality of a gentle and quiet Spirit which is Precious in the Sight of God! For in this Way, in former times, the holy Women also used to adorn themselves.

So, if you want to be a holy and godly Woman- you work on the *Inside* and not so much on the *Outside*. That's what Peter is saying here. So, older Women should encourage younger Women to be adorning their *hearts*, and showing them how to be Virtuous and Godly on the *Inside*.

Now back in **1Timothy 2:9&10**- this same thing is said,

**9 Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments, 10 but rather by means of good works, as is proper for women making a claim to godliness.**

So, if you're going to claim to be godly and spiritual- don't tell me about your Dreams or your Visions or your Bible Knowledge- show me these things.

Now these two words that Paul used in **1Timothy2**- "**modestly and discreetly**," are very interesting. **Modestly** means: *with a sense of shame or with a healthy blush*. I preached a Sermon, many years ago, about "*We have Forgotten how to Blush!*" But this doesn't mean that you should be ashamed that you're a Woman- but ashamed that you might cause someone to be distracted from worshiping God; or ashamed that you might cause someone to look at you and lust. You want to have that kind of a Sense of Shame- the thought of inciting Lust or distracting someone from worshiping God by dressing in a provocative or gaudy Way. And the idea of "**Discreetly**" is the same root again, "*sophra*" and again it means: *controlling all your Passions*.

Now that doesn't mean you have to be "Plain Jane" and go without Makeup or to not make yourself Pretty. God gave ALL Women the "Gift of Beauty" and they are suppose to *accent* that Beauty. There is nothing Wrong with a Woman being a beautiful Woman. But all this is saying is that Women, who make a claim to spirituality, have their Passions under control; and they wouldn't do anything to incite Lust- they wouldn't do anything to draw Attention to themselves when God's people come together for Worship. Holy Women have always conducted

themselves that way. So, Paul says you older Women should encourage the young Women to be pure like that.

And then he says, "**Workers at home.**" And here's the one that gets all the Heat nowadays because Women don't want to work at Home anymore. Frankly, they're not at all interested in working at Home if they can help it. 49% of the American work Force is now Female. In the past 20 years- US Women have filled two-thirds of the millions of new Jobs and that Trend will only continue. By the Way- all these Women working directly- contributes to continued Male Unemployment- especially in the Inner City- according to a Harvard University Report done by a Man named, Harris because people will hire a Woman way before they'll hire a Man!

And so, what happens is two out of three new Jobs are taken by Women because they'd rather deal with Women than Men and that contributes to a rise in Unemployment of the Men. According to Focus on the Family- 73% of Mothers with Children under six work outside the Home today; and 95% of Mothers with Children six to 17 work outside the Home.

Younger Women have bought into the Lie put forth by the feminist Agenda that says that economic Dependence on a Man lessens their Femininity and their Freedom to "be all they can be"!

Now the phrase, "Workers at Home," is actually one word in the Greek- "*oikourgos*"- and it is from two root words, "*ergon*", which means: *work*, and "*oikos*" which means: *house*.

And it is referring to what is supposed to be the main Sphere of a Woman's Life in her Home. That is her primary Domain. Now it certainly doesn't mean that she has to be there 24 hours a Day and can never leave. Women are not more-godly simply because they sit at Home and watch soap operas all day long; and play cards on the computer. All this means is that her Home- the Place where her Husband and Family dwells- is the "*primary Sphere of her Life*". That is her Domain. It is not that she is simply to be Home- but that the Home is her Sphere.

The Woman in **Proverbs 31** left Home when she needed to buy a Field; and she left Home to prepare that Field; she left Home and went afar to find things that would help the Family. The Woman did what she needed to do but her main Focus of everything was the Home. And that's where she poured her Life into and she got up early and she went to bed late for the sake of her Home.

Godly Women are to *primarily* be a "home Keeper"- that's the *primary* Sphere of her Responsibility; and that's her Place of Employment; and that's where she should pour her Life into. And goodness knows there is plenty to do.

So, for a young Mother to get a Job *outside* the Home; and send the Children to some kind of Daycare- is to rebel against her God-given Responsibility. It also is a Failure to understand that her Husband is to be the

*primary* Provider of the Home as **Ephesians 5** makes very clear. Now I hear all kinds of Reasons why Women work outside of the Home all the time. Some say that they do this so that they can afford to pay for their Children to go to a Christian school. But please hear me, beloved, that is a tragic Mistake. Better that you should stay in the Home and raise your own Children to be godly then to pass it on to somebody else- even a Christian School.

Now we know today that there are a lot of wonderful things that we have in the home that ancient people didn't have. I mean, you're not in there with some kind of a stone pot beating out the grain to make flour. And you're not down at the creek slapping your clothes on a rock. We know that. And you're not spinning thread so that you can make fabric so you can sew garments- so we know you have more Time.

And therefore- women need to be very careful how they use that Time *discreetly*. You do have more Time and there may be things *outside* the Home you can do that will assist the Home; and that will assist others- that may even be enterprising like the **Proverbs 31** Woman and bring in a little bit of income.

But please take heed to yourself so that no matter what you do- as godly biblically sound Women- the Home remains the constant and ongoing Priority of your Life. Everything needs to focus on that.

Now there are rare Exceptions when, financially, the Woman HAS to work because of unplanned things like the Sickness of the Husband. In those cases- a Woman almost HAS to work outside the Home. But even then- God may provide a Way for her to have the Finances and stay at the Home.

When your Children are grown and gone or if God doesn't give you any children- then you have a certain Freedom. But even then, in what you choose to do outside the Home- you never lose the Responsibility for the Home; and you may be able to care for your Home; and because you have no Children- still do some things outside. Your Home may still be a Haven for your Husband- or it may be a Place where you can show Hospitality. You may have Opportunity to wash the saints' feet; and do every good Work; and still do something outside the Home, something Noble.

I always think it's wonderful when Women work in Christian Ministry when they don't have children at home, or when they teach little ones in school or when they're involved in a Christian Mission Enterprises or when they're involved in ministering to people in jail or when they work in a Hospital or with Doctors and those who help people. But you need to be careful even in doing those things that you don't get yourself in a Position where you are tempted. Because we all know- and the Statistics are very clear on this- Women who work outside the Home have an exponential number of extra- Marital Affairs when compared with Women who are in the Home because of Exposure and Temptation. Plus they find

themselves not being subject to their own Husbands but subject to somebody *else's* Husband at Work.

So, you must make wise Choices if you're going to take the Freedom that you have in terms of Time because your Children are grown, because you can care for that Home because of Conveniences and choose where it is you're going to use your Gifts and Talents and Abilities. God gave Women these Talents and Abilities so they may teach and lead and administer and coordinate and serve and help and give and all of that, just like all of the Gifts that are mentioned in the New Testament. But please choose wisely so you don't compromise yourself in any way. But even with all of that- your primary Place is the Home.

It's also so tragic to realize that many Women want nothing more than to be that godly submissive Woman- but they have an unfaithful Husband, who leaves them. And now they're stuck with Children and no source of Income and they are forced, in many cases, to work outside the Home to support the Family- and that is caused by the great Sin of the unfaithful Man.

But even then- **1Timothy 5** makes it very clear that other Men in her own extended Family should care for that Woman so she doesn't have to work away from her Children. They've already lost a Father and now the Circumstances force them to lose a Mother to a job.

And if there's no other Men in that Woman's own extended Family- then it says in **1Timothy 5** that some other Women ought to come to her Aid. And if there are no Women to do that- then the Church ought to step in. Now WHY does the Bible teach this? So, that the Woman may stay Home and raise her Children! Because that is the Will of God!

So, if you have a Woman like that in your own Family- you need to support her. And if there's no one there- then the Church can come alongside and do what it can so that the Mother can be with her Children.

Now many say, "*A woman's place is in the home*". But that is not the right way to say that. Better to say, "*A woman's responsibility is in the home.*" To merely say her *Place* is in the Home makes it seem that she just ought to sit there because that's where she belongs. No, that's where her Duty and her Responsibility is; and that is where her *Opportunity* is- to have the greatest Impact on the World. A Woman doesn't impact the World by getting a Briefcase and going Downtown. She impacts the World by raising a godly Generation of Men and Women.

Now I am asked all the time, "*Is it always Wrong for me to work outside the Home?*" And the Answer is: If it does not impact your own Home; IF it enhances and enriches the Life in your own Home; IF it accomplishes all the spiritual Goals of your Home; IF you do not neglect your Children; IF you do not neglect your Husband- then that's between you; the Lord; your Husband; and your Family to work those things out.

By being a loving bond slave of the Lord Jesus Christ- you read; and you study; and you understand God' Word and God's Will. And you fashion your Lives so that you will not in any Way be found Unfaithful to what is written. And whatever that leaves you to do- go for it!

The Specifics of how it all works out in your Home are for you; the Lord; and your Family to work out. But what grieves me is this massive onslaught that says we've got to stamp out this whole idea of Women staying at Home.

And if you don't think that is what is behind almost all of Women working outside the Home listen to the Agenda put forth by one of the main Leaders of the modern Feminist Movement- a lady named, Vivian Gornik- from University of Illinois,

*"Being a Housewife is an illegitimate Profession for any Woman."*

And make no Mistake about it- that is the whole Thrust of the modern Woman's Movement. And then she goes on to say,

*"The heart of radical Feminism is to change all that by abolishing Male Domination and even Marriage itself!"*

... and so, we must pray and teach and hold those- who say they are saved- Accountable to the Standard of Behavior that the Apostle puts forth here in **Titus 2**. And we must beg God to deliver young Women from the "Curse" of their supposed "Liberation".

But the Question I ask is, *"Why do they care? You tell me, why do feminist Women care whether a young Woman is a Homemaker? Why do they care?"* I'll tell you why, because the Agenda of the Feminists is really NOT their Agenda. They didn't create it! This Agenda that seeks to destroy Male Leadership and even the Institution of Marriage is the Agenda of satan! And it is an anti-God Agenda intended to destroy the Credibility of the Church! Because if you can get Women, who claim to be Christians, to *abandon* the Home; usurp Authority over the Husband- you can then pick up a Bible and stick it in their Face and say, *"You say you believe this Book? I don't think so! And therefore, the Bible must NOT be believable because you know what it says; and yet, you're not interested in obeying it and you claim to be a Christian."*

We must understand that satan desires to discredit the Bible in people's Minds, and that's the main Issue. Tear down; cause distrust; and create Doubt about what God has said! That was the Issue in the Garden; it is the Issue today; and it will always be the Issue! So, I beg you to see radical Feminism for what it really is. It is NOT simply about "Equal Pay for Equal Work!" It is designed to completely discredit the Word of God!

The Home is where a Woman provides the Expressions of Love and Nurture for her Husband and her Children. The Home is where she leads and guides and teaches and raises the next godly Generation. The Home is where she is protected; and secure from other men; and from other wicked and sinful Relationships and Abuses. The Home is where she lodges Strangers; where she washes the Saints' feet; where she shows Hospitality; and where she devotes herself to every good Work. That's her primary Sphere- the Home! And whatever of that Home and whatever of the Goodness of her Life she can take *outside* and not sacrifice the Home is between her; the Lord; and her Husband.

People today say, "*Oh, but Brother Blair, things have changed! And, today, a Woman MUST work- because she could NEVER fulfill herself at Home!* And that is a Lie from Hell! And besides being Evil- it isn't even True! The area where God Almighty has designed the Woman to express herself the most Magnanimously- is in the Home and for her Family; and her Friends; and for those in Need! And God lovers should devote themselves to that Pattern and not seek for Joy and Contentment in Areas where the lost World says they will find it!

Now in spite of all the clear Teaching about this- satan has drawn the Church into the "Lesbian-Feminist Agenda". And this is of great Consequence to the Church for a couple of statistical Reasons. Sixty percent of church Population today are Women! And in many Bible believing Churches- only 37 percent are Men. And so this great massive Force of people- who name the Name of Christ- are either living in Affirmation of Scripture or in denial of it. Very important in Terms of Christian Testimony.

Then it says, and this is wonderful in verse 5, "**She should be kind.**" What needs to be said about that? Gentle, tender- hearted, merciful, thoughtful. And then lastly, Women are to be "subject" or "submissive" to their own Husbands. Not somebody else's Husband- but their own. That's an echo of **Ephesians 5:22**, subject to their own Husbands.

Let me say this to you as forthright as I can. A Woman doesn't know how to bow her knee to God until she learns how to bow her knee to her Husband. And I don't mean that in a servile Way- it simply means that she submits her Life to God's Divine Order. So a married Woman CANNOT worship God in Spirit and in Truth- unless and until she submits herself to the Authority of her Husband. Living in Opposition to her Husband means she is not worshipping God- at all! **1Corinthians 11** says that God is the Head of Christ; and Christ is the Head of the Man; and the Man is the Head of the Woman.

Now it needs to be said that we should worry about Women who get under powerful Male- dominated Environments because a Woman can be easily abused like that. So, I understand why all of this hue and cry of sexual Harassment is going on- even though it is way beyond any kind of rational approach; and even

though it is Way out of whack; and even though the Feminists certainly do not have the Answer.

It is nonetheless true that Women in an ungodly Male- dominated Place are going to get abused. There's no Question about it. They're going to get exposed- at best to innuendo- and at worst- to sexual Involvement.

So, a godly Woman needs the Protection and the Security that a Husband and a Home provides for her. And all of that so that the Word of God may not be dishonored. So it isn't so much for you- it's for the Sake of God's Word so that it will not be blasphemed. We must remember that the Honor of Scripture is at stake here.

And as I said at the beginning- an Unbeliever can read this text and know whether we're obeying it or not. I mean, what do you think the Unbeliever thinks of current Christianity if he knows anything at all about the Bible? He'd have to say, *"Well, Christians certainly aren't serious about the Bible."* Beloved- we have to change that by our willful and joyful Submission to the Word of God.

The great Prince of Preachers- Charles Hadden Spurgeon made this Tribute to his Wife.

"She delights in her husband, in his person, his character, his affection. To her he is not only the chief and foremost of mankind, but in her eyes he is all in all. Her heart's love belongs to him and to him only. He is her little world, her paradise, and her choice treasure. She is glad to sink her individuality in him. She seeks no renown for herself. His honor is reflected upon her and she rejoices in it. She will defend his name with her dying breath. Safe enough is he where she can speak for him. His smiling gratitude is all the reward she seeks, even in her dress she thinks of him and considers nothing beautiful which is distasteful to him. He has many objects in life, some of which she does not quite understand. But she believes them all and anything she can do to promote them she delights to perform. Such a wife as a true spouse realizes the model marriage relation and sets forth what our oneness with the Lord ought to be."

... and I could say the same about my Wife.

Amen! Let's pray.