PROFILE OF GODLY YOUNGER WOMEN

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Titus 2:3-5 “Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.”

“younger women” = Greek: neos = lit. “new women” (i.e. new to womanhood)

The Seven Qualities of Godly Younger Women

#1. Younger women are to be lovers of their husbands

Titus 2:4 “…encourage the young women to love their husbands….”

“lovers of their husbands” = Greek: philandrous = husband-lover/husband-friend

Malachi 2:14 “…the LORD has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant.

“companion” = Hebrew: chabereth = a bosom companion/guide/a faithful partner/

Elkanah: The Husband of Hannah = The Lonely Husband (1 Samuel 1)

1 Samuel 1:8 “…Hannah, why do you weep and why do you not eat and why is your heart sad? Am I not better to you than ten sons?” (1 Samuel 1:8)

“The greatest thing you can do for your children is to love your husband"

#2. Younger women are to be lovers of their children

Titus 2:4 “…encourage the young women to be…lovers of their children…”

“lovers of their children” = Greek: philotechnous = children-lovers - children-friends (at every age)

God has called mothers to build close, intimate relationships with their children in all the stages of their lives.

Hannah: The Mother of Samuel = The Woman with a Heavenly Perspective (1 Samuel 1)

1 Samuel 1:9-11 “Then Hannah rose after eating and drinking in Shiloh. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat by the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. She, greatly distressed, prayed to the LORD and wept bitterly. She made a vow and said, “O LORD of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a son, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and a razor shall never come on his head.”

1 Samuel 1:27-28 “For this boy I prayed, and the LORD has given me my petition which I asked of Him. So I have also dedicated him to the LORD; as long as he lives he is dedicated to the LORD.”

#3. Younger women are to be sensible

Titus 2:5 “…encourage the young women to be…sensible…”

sensible = Greek” sophron = sober-minded, practical and self-controlled

Abigail: The Wife of Nabal = The Sensible Woman (1 Samuel 25)

Abigail was “…intelligent and beautiful in appearance…” (1 Sam. 25:3) She was also sensible...

1 Samuel 25:32-33 “Then David said to Abigail, ‘Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me, and blessed be your discernment, and blessed be you, who have kept me this day from bloodshed and from avenging myself by my own hand.’”
#4. Younger women are to be pure

Titus 2:5 “…encourage the young women to be…pure…”

“pure” = Greek: hagnos = pure, chaste, modest, “clear of vice”

Matt 5:8 “Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.

"Like a gold ring in a pig’s snout is a beautiful woman who shows no discretion." (Proverbs 11:22)

**Esther: The Queen = Adorned with Purity and Passion**

“May you be like Ruth and like Esther.” (From the words of the song, “Sunrise; Sunset)

God wants to raise up pure younger women “…for such a time as this.” (Esther 4:14)

#5. Younger women are to be workers at home.

Titus 2:5 “…encourage the young women to be…workers at home…”

“workers at home” = Greek: oikourgous = lit. workers at home

"She considers a field and buys it; from her earnings she plants a vineyard." (Prov. 31:16)

“…she works hard…” (Prov. 31:17)

When Adam sinned in the garden a part of the curse of God on ALL humanity was that "By the sweat of thy brow thou shalt eat bread.” (Gen. 3:17-19)

1 Timothy 5:14 "Therefore, I want younger widows to get married, bear children, keep house, and give the enemy no occasion for reproach..."

**The Proverbs 31 Woman = The Working Wife With a Heart for Home (Proverbs 31:10-31)**

#6. Younger women are to be kind

Titus 2:5 “…encourage the young women to be….kind…”

kind = Greek: agathos = kind, generous

Prov. 31:20 "She extends her hand to the poor; and she stretches out her hands to the needy."

Prov. 31:26 "She opens her mouth in wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue."

**Dorcas (Tabitha) = The Kind Woman**

Acts 9:36 Now in Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which translated in Greek is called Dorcas); this woman was abounding with deeds of kindness and charity which she continually did.

#7. Younger women are to be subject to their own husbands.

Titus 2:5 “…encourage the young women to be…subject to their own husbands…”

“being subject” = Greek: hupotasso  = “…to rank under”

The husband is responsible directly to the Lord as to how well he guides, nurtures and cares for his wife. (cf. Eph. 5:22) The wife will be held accountable to the Lord for how she willingly places herself under his leadership "as unto the Lord"

**Sarah: The Wife of Abraham = The Submissive Wife**

1 Pet 3:1 “In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands…”

1 Peter 3:5-6 “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; 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.”

**Concluding Challenge:**

Titus 2:5b "...so that the word of God may not be dishonored.”

“dishonored” = Greek: blasphematai = blasphemed, spoken evil of, discredited, reviled, slandered and maligned

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