

# Titus 2:3-5, 9-10

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## Scripture of the Week

“...whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

- Matthew 20:26-28

I have completed my Bible studies for the following days:

- ☐ Lord's Day & Monday
- ☐ Tuesday
- ☐ Wednesday
- ☐ Thursday
- ☐ Friday & Saturday

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# Daily Bible Studies December 1-7, 2013 “What Christian Women And Workers Are To Be” Titus 2:3-5, 9-10



### The Lord's Day and Monday

This week's reading comes from Titus 2:3-5, 9-10.

Last week we saw Paul's instructions to Titus concerning men. This week we will see what Paul has to say about women and also workers.

God expects Christian women to behave in a certain way and he expects the older Christian women to teach the younger Christian women what that way is.

God also has certain expectations for Christian workers. The instructions that we see from Paul here were originally intended for slaves, but we can apply them to our own lives when we are working a job.

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*"...the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things—that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed...Exhort bondservants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all things, not answering back, not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things."*

### Friday Quiz

How we conduct ourselves at our job, schoolwork, or recreation is a reflection on Christ and His Gospel. Think and pray about different ways that you can improve your testimony in these areas of your life. Write down three of them.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

### Suggestion for Prayer

Lord Jesus, help me to do all things for your glory and the spreading of your Gospel. When others look at my life, may they see your grace working in me. Thank you for your Word. Amen.

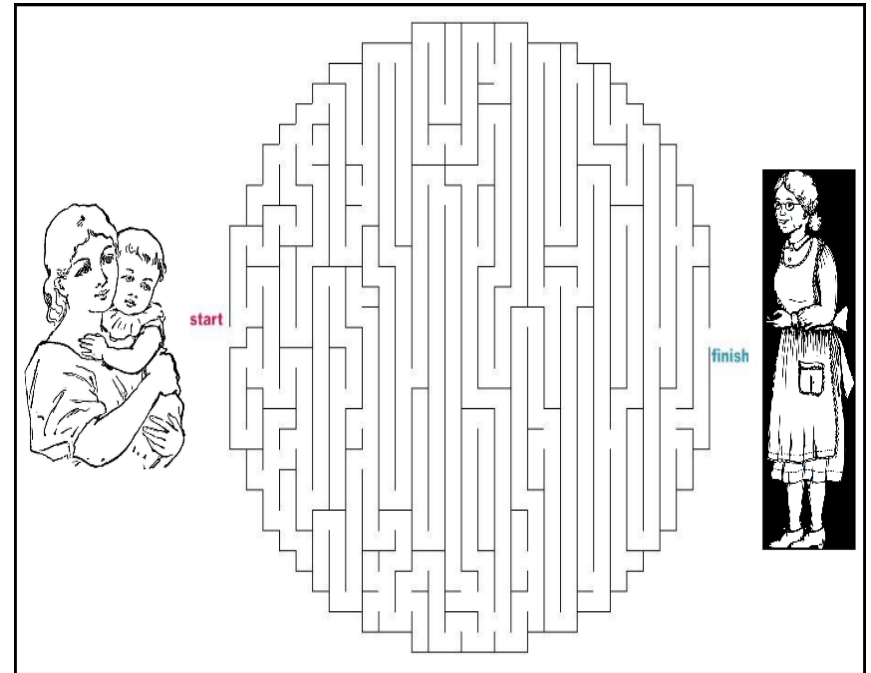
### Pray for the Lord's Day Service

1. Pray that everyone would think it is important to come and be able to come.
2. Pray for Sunday School and Pastor Tim's sermon.
3. Pray that we would encourage each other to love the Lord Jesus.

## Friday

The final reading for the week is 2:10.

Today we will review what we ended with yesterday. Why should you work hard and do your best to please your boss? So you can get a raise? So he will really like you and you can feel good about yourself? No, these are not the reasons. You need to do your best so that your boss and the people that you work with see the difference that Jesus and His gospel have made in your life. You can and should tell others about Jesus with your words, but if you are a lazy, complaining, bum your words won't have much weight behind them. On the other hand, if you are working hard people will respect you and may be drawn to you and ask you questions about the Lord. The main lesson is work hard so that you will be able to be a good witness for Jesus.



### Suggestion for Prayer

Dear Father, Help me to learn from your Word this week. Show me how to grow in your truth and grace. Amen.

### Pray for Family

1. Dad and Mom
2. Brothers and Sisters
3. Grandparents, Uncles and Aunts, Cousins

## Tuesday

Today you should read and think about Titus 2:3.

Here we find Paul giving Titus instructions about “older women.” Oh dear, here we go again. What is an “older woman?” Tomorrow in verses four and five we will find that “older women” are supposed to teach the younger women how to love their husbands and children. It only makes sense, don’t you think, that the older women must have some experience doing those things before they can teach them? It is safe to assume therefore that older women are women who have raised children to adulthood and have been married for many years.

So how are the older women to behave? They are to be:

**Reverent in behavior**—This means that they are to act in a way that is fitting for a servant of God to act. The way that they dress, act, speak, and think should all be determined by the respect and love that they have for God. They live in a way that honors God instead of shaming Him.

**Not slanderers**—The older women are to keep a careful guard on their tongue. They are not supposed to “talk bad” about others by gossiping and spreading rumors. They should not be whispering about people in the corner of the church. Nor should any of us for that matter.

**Not given to much wine**—In the Greek language, this verse says that the older women should not be “enslaved” to wine. They should not run to alcohol to solve their problems whether it is loneliness, sadness, or frustration.

**Teachers of good things**— The older women have had many experiences in their lives. They are to benefit the younger people by sharing these experiences with them. They can teach by example, but they should also open their mouths and speak. They should not be self-centered but thinking of how they can help others with their wisdom.

## Thursday Quiz

1. Read 1 Corinthians 10:31. Based on this verse, what should our attitude be toward our work?

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2. In America we have a “my rights” mind set when it comes to how much we work. However, Ephesians 6:7-8 tells workers to work as unto the Lord. How does the American mind set go against this?

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## Suggestion for Prayer

Dear Lord, your Word teaches that I am to be a hard working and honest employee/child. Please give me strength to do this. Keep me when I am tempted to whine or talk back about a task that is given to me. Help me to go above and beyond my regular duties for your honor and glory. Amen.

## Pray for All Men

1. Frederick Light—Town of Salamanca Highway Superintendent
2. Joan McDonald—NYS Transportation Commissioner
3. Calvin L. Scovel III—United States Transportation Inspector General

### Thursday

Please read Titus 2:9-10.

In Paul and Titus' time, there were many, many slaves. Some people think there were 50 million slaves at the time. People were made slaves in all kinds of ways. They may have been captured during war, kidnapped, sold, or have been born into slavery. Maybe they owed money and sold themselves as slaves to pay their debts. Others may have been sold into slavery by their parents. Slaves may have worked as servants, farmers, teachers, doctors, or soldiers among other things.

There were no laws against treating your slaves badly, but it is possible that many slaves actually were treated quite well.

The New Testament does not say, "Thou shalt not have slaves," but it does say that you are not to kidnap or steal a person.

Today's text obviously involves slaves, but we can apply it to the relationships that we have with anyone in authority over us whether it be a teacher, coach, parent, or boss.

We are to obey our authorities, work hard, and be honest. Don't talk back and complain. When you are "on the clock" don't slack off even if there is not much to do. Go above and beyond and find something that needs to be done. Do your best for your boss and be a blessing to him. Make him wonder why you do such a good job when everyone else is cheating him and complaining. He should see that your relationship with Jesus makes a big difference.

### Tuesday Quiz

Fill in the blank:

1. Prov. 12:4 "An \_\_\_\_\_ wife is the crown of her husband, but she who causes \_\_\_\_\_ is like rottenness in his bones."
2. Prov. 14:1 "The \_\_\_\_\_ woman builds her house, but the \_\_\_\_\_ pulls it down with her hands."
3. Prov. 31:26,27b "She opens her mouth with \_\_\_\_\_, And on her tongue is the law of \_\_\_\_\_...And does not eat the bread of \_\_\_\_\_."

### Suggestion for Prayer

Lord, help me, as a young person, to learn from older people in my life. Open my eyes that I may see the true value of a person who has dedicated and lived their life for you. Thank you for my church family. Amen.

### Pray for the Church

1. Mr. Doug Sampson
2. Rick, Jill, Ricky, and Tessa Stefanone
3. Mr. and Mrs. Ames

## Wednesday

Today's verses are Titus 2:4-5.

So what exactly are the older women supposed to teach to the younger women? What things can the younger crowd ask of the older crowd and hear, "Oh yeah...been there, done that"? Let's take a look.

**Admonishing the young women to love their husbands**— Marriage is a very important and beautiful thing. It is a picture of the love that God has for His people and, to a certain extent, of the love that His people have for Him. God does not want the picture ruined by marriages where the husband and wife do not love each other. You might be thinking, "Isn't it easy to love your husband? I can't wait to get the man of my dreams. He will be such a hunk and romantic that I will love him to death." Well, sometimes marriage is wonderful and romantic like that and other times it is not. It won't be as easy to love your "hunk" when he is farting under the covers at night and burping after every meal. "Yeah, you're right," you say, "he might be a jerk sometimes. Then it will be hard to love him." Now, not so fast. Difficulty loving does not always come from a husband's gas problems. Sometimes it comes from a spoiled, selfish woman who pouts and stomps her feet when she can't have her way. The older women are to help the younger women mature in their love and respect for their husband.

**...to love their children**—Young mothers also need the help of the older women. They need to be told that loving their children doesn't mean giving them everything they want and letting them get away with murder. The older women can provide wisdom about how to discipline and train the children in a loving and godly fashion.

**To be discreet**—This means that the young women are to learn how to live wisely and sensibly, not foolishly and carelessly.

**Chaste**—Contrary to popular opinion, women actually are attracted to men, so the Lord commands that women be faithful to their husbands even if the marriage is going through a difficult time.

**Homemakers**— Women are to make their home and family their first priorities. Circumstances may arise where it is necessary or allowable for a woman to work a job outside the home, but her home and family should

come first whenever possible. She is not free to abandon her husband and children to become an "independent woman" climbing the corporate ladder.

**Good**—The older women should teach the younger to be kind.

**Obedient to their own husbands**—Remember that marriage is a picture of God and His people. Jesus is in charge of the Church. In the same way, God has put the husband in charge of the family. He is to lead and the wife is to follow. The husband is to love, serve, and gently lead his wife and the wife is to follow without complaining and fighting him every step of the way. She should not try to take charge.

Why does God want the younger women to learn all of these things? Paul gives the answer and it is so "that the word of God may not be blasphemed." When young women do not obey these commands they rebel against God. They foolishly defy God's wisdom thinking that they have a better way and they make the Lord and His church look bad.

## Suggestion for Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank you for laying down instruction for the Christian life in your Word. Help me to submit my will to Yours including when it comes to my ideas of marriage. Amen.

## Pray for Missionaries

Pray for missionaries who give their lives and face danger to tell others about Jesus:

Mr. Rick and Mrs. Hilde Griffith tell teenagers in Belgium about Jesus. Pray for them and for their children.

