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The Titus 2 Woman

Dr. T. D. Worthington

“The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.”

Titus 2:3-5

I am concerned about modern day motherhood. It just seems like something is missing. Maybe it is right here. Paul encourages Titus to teach every group in the church—

older men, young men, older women, even slaves—**every group except for young women!** Teaching and training young women in godly womanhood is primarily the responsibility of older women, not the pastor, male leaders, or other teachers in the church.

It is doubtful the apostle Paul had Bible classes or seminars in mind when he spoke of teaching younger women. He meant the simple things, the everyday examples, the willingness to take time from one’s own concerns to pray with the anxious young mother, to walk with her the way of the Cross with its tremendous demands of patience,

selflessness, lovingkindness—and to show her, in the ordinariness of life, how to have a good marriage and be an effective mother.

Perhaps there are some reasons for this lack of training.

Women in modern society often live isolated lives, which is unlike the past or in other cultures where women still spend time visiting with each other. Generations are deliberately separated in society and church. Many churches have age-specific congregations and small groups. Different age groups just don’t mingle much anymore. We also

find that many modern programs for women focus more on entertainment, rather than teaching, training, and mentoring.

Furthermore, many older women tend to want to act like younger women, so it looks like they are learning from the young; thus the young assume they must not be qualified to teach them. Older women wearing their tight-fitting clothes while sporting their new tattoo, just don't look like they have anything different or better to offer. Therefore, many young women don't respect older women because many older women are self-absorbed in themselves while pretending to be young.

In addition, this modern generation has a cultural tendency to resent unsolicited advice and to seek counsel only from experts or peers who will agree with our modern philosophy.

It can also be hard to find time and energy to minister to others, or to be ministered to, after working in a job or caring for your family and home all day. Most married women with children return to work soon after childbirth. This leaves little time for giving or receiving ministry.

Finally, we might note that feminism often makes us uncomfortable with teaching on biblical womanhood and makes us embarrassed to pass on ladylike ideals. I am sure there may be many other reasons, but this was just a few.

I know some older ladies don't feel they have the gift of teaching—and perhaps you don't, but you can share, you can talk, you can informally teach lessons you have learned. Think of all you have learned.

You have learned from your mistakes. This is not sharing all the foolish details of your own immaturity, but by not being afraid to admit the mistakes that you have made younger women can learn valuable lessons.

You have learned from your experience. Older folks have gained so much wisdom in their lives from a lifetime of experience that it's almost a crime not to share it with someone younger. It took you a lifetime to gain. Don't carry it to the grave with you!

You have learned from history. What has happened before will happen again because there is nothing new under the sun (***Ecclesiastes 1:9***), so why not tap the history you have seen over your lifetime? Young people are traveling down the same roads you have already traveled.

You have learned from applying the Scriptures. Most likely you have more knowledge in applying the Bible than they do. So, you can apply the Bible

verses they need to know when facing specific situations.

What are some of the things you are to teach them? (Titus 2:3-5)

How to Have a Happy Marriage. Young women need older women who have successfully remained in a godly marriage to teach them how they did it. They need advice about how to truly reverence their husbands (***Ephesians 5:33***), even when that isn't easy. They need to know how to show their husbands they are in his corner all the time; they need to know how to make him constantly thankful he married them. They need to know how to be the spiritual support their husband needs as they strive to help each other on this earthly pilgrimage. They need to know how to practice agape love, even when the “*in-love*” feelings aren't present. ***You can teach that, right?***

How to Be a Homemaker. In our culture drenched with feminism,



self-obsession, and individualism, there isn't much acceptance, encouragement, and affirmation left for women who choose to stay home and raise their children as devoted homemakers. I'm talking about the women who choose to do this, not because they can't do other things, but because they choose to be a housewife. They need older women to show them this choice isn't silly or demeaning, as the world would have them to believe, but rather a rich, fulfilling lifestyle filled with abundant rewards. They need advice about how to be a good homemaker. They need tips on how to make their home a peaceful, God-centered haven even during chaotic times. They need advice about how to practice hospitality and use their home to extend love to those in need. Some may need knowledge about cooking, cleaning, decorating, and much more! Some need to be taught how to dress, how to have good manners, how to act like a lady, and when to be quiet. ***Surely, you can teach these things, right?***

How to Be a Godly Mother. Young mothers need help in learning how to train up their children in the way they should go. They need you to make it clear that you are someone they can pick up the phone and call when their child is stubborn and pushing the limits. They need to know they can ask you if they are handling a parenting dilemma in a godly way and be able to trust you will give them an honest, confidential, and Biblical answer. ***You can do this, right?***

So, may I ask our older ladies? Who is the younger woman in your life? Are you letting someone in? Who are you bringing alongside of you to pray with them, to encourage them in their walk with the Lord? Who are you

teaching the virtues of being a good wife and mother?

May I also ask our younger ladies? Who is the older woman in your life? Who are you letting in to invest in your life? Are you taking the place of a learner? Do you have a teachable spirit? Are you willing to receive instruction from the older women God has put into your life?

Unless older women take responsibility for teaching young women, it probably won't happen. Are you helping in the teaching and training of younger women? Are relationships flourishing between women of different ages in your church?

Just as I believe every Timothy needs a Paul, every young lady also needs a mentor. We must learn from the mistakes of our elders; we must learn from their wisdom; we must learn from their own experiences; we must learn from their biblical knowledge; and we

must learn from their correction and rebuke. We all need the wounds of a friend more than the kisses of an enemy. Don't have a mentor? I pray you can find one. Know someone who needs a mentor? Be one!

God obviously sees older women as His own special messengers, and He will send you young ladies so you can show them how to grow into faithful, happy, Christian wives and mothers.

Satan is attacking motherhood. The era when a woman could be "fulfilled" by being a godly wife and mother has passed us by. Many mothers feel it is not enough to know that her wisdom and achievement will live on in her children. Today, many believe that the children are there to give them personal fulfillment. Maternal fulfillment has been replaced by personal fulfillment, which usually leads to emotional insecurity.

Satan finds admiration in many modern-day mothers. He admires you when you





yell at your kids and complain about all the work you have to do. He loves it when you pass the child to your husband when he walks in the door saying, *“I just can’t take anymore, I need a break.”* Satan rejoices when you wish you were still that skinny girl you used to be who was always in control and perfectly groomed. Satan loves it when you let the television do the baby sitting or you fiddle with your cell phone while ignoring your kids. He laughs when you start comparing your kids with others and suddenly you feel inadequate because her child is reading Shakespeare and your kid the same age is still eating bugs. Satan wants you to fail. He wants you to feel alone. He wants you to feel inadequate.

Motherhood will take your strength, your sleep, your leisure, your time, and most of your spending money. Instead of dreaming about a romantic vacation with your husband, you will have dreams of one day reaching the bottom of the laundry pile; but knowing it will never happen. Is this you? Chances are you

have been sold a bill of goods. You have been told you deserve personal fulfillment, and you are a failure as a Mom if you don’t have it. As our children have grown up to be responsible adults, I find much personal fulfillment in seeing who they have become. I am proud of them. However, when they were young, it was fatherly fulfillment, or maternal fulfillment we had to be satisfied with.

While I know some godly women who take this passage seriously, diligently teaching younger women how to live a rich, God-filled life, I know many more Christian ladies who seem to ignore this passage. We live in a very keep-to-yourself, mind-your-own-business society, and I think this has affected the amount of wisdom older women are sharing with the younger. Young ladies need the guidance God talks about in Titus 2. Many young mothers will accept this guidance when it is gently offered, because now they have an appreciation for what their own mothers went through.

Years ago a mother might have a dozen kids. There were no televisions, dishwashers, microwaves, or washing machines. Hot water had to be boiled and clothes had to be ironed. Meals didn’t come from the drive-thru or out of a bag. Back then moms knew better than to pass off the children to their husbands as soon as he walked in the door because she *“just couldn’t take anymore.”* And yet, there was maternal fulfillment because she didn’t expect a pay-off at the end of the day. She knew her reward for faithfulness would come in the distant future.

Many young mothers have no concept of such a life, so the older ladies must teach them. They must be taught that their lives will never be their own again and they can no longer be motivated by praise or compliment. They must learn that their ambitions must change from desiring a trip to Hawaii to being content with a hot shower and a moment of quiet. They must begin to realize that their heart no longer resides in their chest, but rather it runs, crawls, or plays somewhere outside their bodies. Older women know these things, and it is their responsibility to share them with the young. If you do so, and if they are willing to listen and learn, many young and frustrated mothers, children, and husbands will be eternally in your debt.

On Mother’s Day we often speak about the virtues of the Proverbs 31 woman. However, I submit we might have more Proverbs 31 women if the church was blessed with more Titus 2 women.



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Do You Still Blush?

We are hearing about it a lot these days, sometimes even on liberal media outlets. Both Christians and non-Christians alike are talking about it. With every new attempted or successful school shooting, the subject is brought up... desensitization.

When we hear about desensitization, it's usually in reference to the violence found in video games, movies, music, and other means of entertainment used by kids. According to Merriam-Webster, the word was first made known in 1898; however, the concept is much older. Even the Bible has something to say on the matter.

“Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the Lord.”

Jeremiah 6:15



This passage is again repeated in [Jeremiah 8:12](#). The prophet Jeremiah is speaking in reference to God's chosen people and how they had drifted so far away from their First Love and so far into sin they had become immune to the shame and embarrassment that should accompany sin. They were so “desensitized” by their own sinfulness; they had forgotten how to blush. The latter part of the verse warns of God's judgement for these sins, which did eventually come.

What about us today? Sure, video games and other entertainment can probably contribute to the increasing violence among our kids, but what about us as adults? What about us as Christians? Not speaking merely of violence, but also of other sins that should cause us to blush. Summer is approaching...would the clothes you're planning on wearing have made you blush ten years ago but don't today? What about your conversation around the water cooler at the office? When you were a new Christian, would you have laughed at that joke like you did yesterday or would you have blushed with embarrassment and walked away? How about the

last movie you rented? How much profanity did you automatically tune out or how many times was the Lord's name spoken in vain? If you don't remember, maybe you've become a little too desensitized.

We are all guilty of becoming desensitized and failing to blush. It was around in Jeremiah's day, and it still exists today. Evil is lurking on every corner, and every day is a struggle to remain focused in the world we live in. If you have become too tolerant to sin and insensitive to the voice of the Holy Spirit, it's never too late to turn around. He's still speaking to you. You've just tuned Him out. Claim His forgiveness, hear His voice, and remember how to blush.

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Artist Spotlight - The Tim Sutton Trio

Founded in 1988, the **Tim Sutton Trio** (formerly known as *Movin' Up*) has been blessed with countless opportunities to share the Gospel through music and testimony all over North Carolina as well as many other states for the past 30 years. Based out of Winterville, NC, the group's founding member, Tim Sutton, had a desire years ago to minister through song and reach souls for the Lord Jesus Christ. Although the members have changed throughout the years, the desire has not. The mission of the group is to minister in song and see lives changed for the glory of God.

All members of the **Tim Sutton Trio** are members of Bible-teaching churches. They are committed to their local churches and most importantly, to the Lord. Today, the **Tim Sutton Trio** is comprised of Dana Sawrey from Mount Olive, NC, Jill Howell from Goldsboro, NC, and Tim Sutton from Winterville, NC.

Tim Sutton has always had a passion for music, which he performed often in church. He loves to share what the Lord has done in his life through song and testimony. Tim and his wife Tonya reside in Greenville, NC, where Tim is also co-founder, along with Jim Rogers, of Greenville Auto World. They specialize in both auto sales and service to Greenville and surrounding areas. Tim and Tonya are the proud parents of two beautiful daughters that are grown with families of their own.

Dana Sawrey has been singing gospel music for 18 years. In the past, she has sung with **Graceway** and **The Southern Ambassadors**. She says her favorite singer is her husband of 24 years, Willie Sawrey, who sings with **Ed O'Neal and The Dixie Melody Boys**. She is the proud mom of three sons, one of which is a Sailor in the U. S. Navy. Dana also

serves as worship leader at Grace Community Church in Goldsboro, NC. Her favorite scripture is Psalm 138. She loves spending time with her family and enjoys painting. She is a Dental Assistant II during the day at Rosewood Dental. Dana says, *"I love sharing the love of Christ. He has been so good to me. I cannot be silent about the Good News. That's why I love singing His praises!"*

Jill Howell is a graduate of East Carolina University with a degree in Child Development and Family Relations. She is currently employed with the Wayne County Public Schools as a Family and Consumer Science teacher, where she teaches at her alma mater, Charles B. Aycock High School in Pikeville, NC. Jill was Miss Wilson in 1996, Miss Goldsboro in 1998, and Miss Kinston-Lenoir County in 2001. Jill's most cherished title is being "Mama" to her two sons. She attends The First Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church in Goldsboro where she sings in the choir. Jeremiah 29:11 is a scripture that she holds close in her heart. Jill says, *"I remember singing and preaching on my parents fireplace hearth at the age of 4, and I am blessed that God has granted me the opportunity to share His love and grace many years later."*

If you'd like to see the **Tim Sutton Trio**, they'll be in concert at Unity Free Will Baptist Church in Greenville, NC, on Sunday morning, June 10th, at 10:15 for their Annual Homecoming Service.

For more information about the **Tim Sutton Trio** or for booking, contact Tim Sutton at Greenville Auto World, LLC, 3810 Charles Blvd., Greenville, NC, 27858 or by phone at 252-364-8730.



“What are you thinking?” As I look into those beautiful brown eyes, I can’t help but wonder. *“What are you thinking?”* You are so beautiful and helpless. We are about to start a new adventure. They didn’t give your dad and me a manual at the hospital. I want to be the best mother I can possibly be. I want to be there for you and raise you for God’s glory. They say babies don’t really think a lot. But I know better. I can feel the love oozing from your skin and through those beautiful eyes. I love you so.

Time has passed now and you are learning to walk. My, how many times you have stumbled! I tried to keep you from hurting yourself, but I didn’t quite make it every time. You are able to run and play, and you even enjoy playing with the other children. Sharing is giving you a hard time. Your favorite line is, *“I can do it myself.”* I have to marvel at how fast you have grown and how much you have learned. My heart melts when you lift your hands and motion for me to pick you up. You whisper, *“I love you, Mommy,”* as you doze off to sleep. Oh, how I treasure those words and the assurance that they come from your heart.

Time to start school! You are all dressed and ready to go. We have prayer, and I remind you that Jesus will be watching over you. This gives me great comfort,

because my little one is going to be away from me all day. That has only happened with Grandma before now. As I drop you off at your classroom, my heart sinks. My child doesn’t have to have me around all the time anymore. I can’t wait to pick you up in the afternoon, secretly hoping you had missed me half as much as I had missed you. Well, you’re home, and you’re all excited. You can’t wait to tell me the neat things you learned at school today. You really like your teacher. I am so glad, but a part of me is a little jealous. It brings me great comfort as you say, *“I missed you too, Mommy. I love you!”* My heart still soars at those beautiful words.

You are almost as tall as me now. You are always fussing with your brothers and sisters. There is no giving in. But when someone messes with them, you will come out fighting. Your body is growing very fast. Soon you will be a teenager. The questions you can ask! I wonder if you just ask questions for the fun of it. The most important thing that has happened to you during these years is that you have accepted Christ. In fact, this is the most exciting thing that has ever happened to you. I hope your love for Christ grows, and you will be a shining star for Him. Your relationship with Christ will enable you to love others more. So when you tell me you love me, it has a deeper meaning. I will never tire of hearing those priceless words.

Well, it's here! Those teenage years everyone has been telling me about. I guess you have had your moments of rebellion, but fortunately, they were short-lived. Overall, you have been a great teenager. All of your brothers and sisters have. Thankfully, we made it all the way through your learner's permit without going in the ditch. I cried every time your heart was broken. I don't think you always knew that. It was real hard not to paper their yards, but I had to set the example. Of course, you had your share of breaking their hearts, too. For one thing I was grateful, you never thought you were too old to say, "I love you." You never got mad when I wanted you to call home to let me know you were on the way so I could know you were safe. Then I prayed you all the way home. I think you thought you knew how much I loved you.

Now you are grown and have a full time job. Boy, we have a busy house! We are always coming and going like a revolving door. As most of us do, you have made your share of mistakes, but we move on and learn from them. You are working where you believe God wants you. You are respecting the rules of the house and pulling your share of the load. You attend church faithfully, and you will one day find a mate and settle down. I know that day will come soon. A mother couldn't be more proud of a child than I am of you. Every time you give me a hug and tell me you love me, it still makes my heart swell. One might think it would bust. Sometimes I feel it might.

You are a parent now, which means I am a grandma. The word just gives me great pride. To hold my grandchild in my arms is the best feeling. The only thing to compare it to was when you were born, but it is still different. God gives a special ministry to grandparents. I only hope I am worthy of the title. When my grandchild tells me, "I love you," my heart just soars. But that doesn't change how much it means to me when you say, "I love you." Your love means so much to me. Since you have a child of your own, I know you are experiencing everything I have been talking about. You have grown children now. That means I must be



getting older. Your dad is still preaching, and I am in his amen corner. There is one thing for sure, I am really proud of all of my grandchildren. They have honored us with their lives. **Proverbs 17:6** tells us that our crown will be our grandchildren. A truer statement was never made. Of course, I am not foolish enough to believe that I know all things, but I believe in your children as well as my other grandchildren. I know you try to protect me from things that would hurt. It bothers your dad and me that you have to help us so much. I remind him how much he enjoyed helping his dad as he got weaker. Thank you for driving us to church every Sunday. I think your dad would be miserable if he couldn't preach. You have been such a good child. I guess you never stop being your mother's child, even if you are in your fifties.

Don't be sad! I am going to be with your dad and Jesus now. I remember looking in your eyes for the first time. I thought I could never love you more than I did at that moment. I have learned that love grows day by day. With each new experience and each new adventure, love grows. No matter how many children you have and how they behave, the love just keeps growing. Does your capacity to love ever stop? I don't think so, as long as you keep opening your heart. One piece of advice I leave you. As you open your heart and

let Christ love others through you, never stop telling others how much you love them. No matter what they do, tell them you love them. I am weary, and I need to rest. I hope this letter has helped you know how much I love you and helped you realize how much hearing the words, "I love you," has meant to me over the years. "I love you, my child."

I will love you always, even more from Heaven,

Mom



Mrs. Worthington has five children and eleven grandchildren. She serves as Principal of Pathway Christian Academy in Goldsboro.

Touching Jesus

Dr. Glenn Mills



“And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?”

Luke 8:45

If there is one major thing we can learn from this Scripture, it would be the fact those closest to Jesus geographically are often farthest from Him spiritually. We see here a scene where a great crowd was following Jesus as He was traveling from one place to another. Due to the width of the streets and the sizes of the crowds, it was common for those walking together to bump into each other, step on other's feet, and be pressed in by the crowd.

We have all experienced this at some time or another. I have been to concerts, state fairs, and other places where I experienced the pressing of crowds. If you have been in such a crowd, you understand the pressing described in the Scripture. There is no doubt many bumped up against Jesus before He asked the question, “*Who touched me?*” What made this occasion different from all the other crowds Jesus had been in as He traveled about? It wasn't the crowd, but who was in the crowd that made the difference.

She was the woman with the issue of blood. While many were content just to be near to Jesus, she needed to touch Jesus. Knowing Him wasn't enough for her. She needed what only He was able to give. She couldn't care less about getting her picture made with Jesus so she could have something to brag about. She didn't need an invitation to sit at the place of honor at His table. She didn't need a certificate or plaque saying she was a member of the Jesus crowd. She needed a miracle.

No matter where He went, Jesus knew the condition of men's hearts. He always knew why they followed Him. Sometimes they followed to see miracles. Sometimes they followed to get a free meal. Thank God there were some that actually wanted to hear what He had to say. The woman with the issue of blood was different. Her condition prohibited her from legally approaching Jesus. She was considered unclean, but she came anyway. She didn't just rub elbows with Jesus, she drew power from Him - power He was ready to give and always is, if only people really wanted it. So while others only knew Him, this woman truly touched Him and was blessed for her faith in Him.

Now let's look at the thief on the cross. We are not told if this man had ever met or seen Jesus before this time, but one thing is for certain, he had heard about Jesus. He could see what the religious leaders were doing and hear what they were saying. Regardless of the surroundings, he accepted Jesus when he said, "Lord, remember me." "Remember me" simply means to know me for who I am, be my Lord, and do for me what I can't do for myself.

There were some standing by who truly knew Jesus, but there were many who were only there for the show or to carry out orders. Even the thief on the other cross challenged Jesus to save himself from death. So while many knew Jesus by some worldly title, one sinner came to know Him as Lord and Saviour.

But what about us my friends? Are we guilty of just hanging out with Jesus, or do we really know Him personally? Do we seek His touch and His heart? Just because we attend a church service doesn't mean we touch Jesus. You can't touch Him and be the same. Sadly, many don't have a worship service, but instead

they worship the service. This is why many churches have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof. When you really touch Jesus, many around you will not understand. They are seeking recognition while you are seeking the miracle of His presence and touch. Jesus is never impressed with the crowd, but is always seeking individuals who desire Him.

Search your heart today, and ask yourself these questions: Why am I walking with Jesus? Is it just because I don't want to go to Hell? Is it because it's the right thing to do? Is it due to personal gain of some type? Or, is it because I truly love Him for who He is?

I pray we all become like David, who in the midst of all his flaws was still a man after God's own heart.



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I saw a sign in a store that read, "She believed she could, so she did." As I read it, my mother came to mind. She was a true Proverbs 31 woman. Her faith was unfailing during our childhood days. She practiced the verses in that passage of Scripture throughout her life. I was one of five children, and we all became entrepreneurs in life. Mother taught us to believe in ourselves and in God. God always blessed her work ethic because it was founded on her knees of prayer. She believed with God you could do all things, and she did. What a legacy of faith! My mother, my superhero. In God she trusted!

J. A.

I was the youngest of thirteen children. My mother always taught us to trust in God and prayed for us a lot. After less than two years of marriage, I lost my husband suddenly at age twenty-five. I remember my mother telling me how fortunate I was that it happened at such a young age because I would have time to look back later in life and see how God worked through my trials. Three years later I remarried, and I remembered the words my mother had spoken years earlier. She always taught us to trust in God. Two years after remarrying, I was told I wouldn't be able to have children. We prayed and were soon able to adopt a two week old baby boy. My mother always taught us to trust in God. She has been with the Lord now for thirty years. I know even now she is praying for me through Christ.

S. W.

I am who I am because of my mom. She has never failed in showing us how much she loves her

children. When I was growing up, my mother was the only Christian in our family. Every Sunday, she never failed to go to church. It is quite difficult on her part since my dad was a firm non-believer and wanted nothing to do with church. Despite it all, she was never discouraged. My mother never gave up in leading me to become a Christian. During the roller coaster ride of my life, she would always remind me to pray. I know that during the worst times of my life, it was she who had been praying for me so much. Despite all the pain and sleepless nights I have caused my mom, she has always been there loving me. "Mama, I love you. No words can ever express how thankful I am that you are my mother. God bless you always and Happy Mother's Day!"

L. S.

"Old Cars"

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