

## A Mothers Role in the Family

Titus 2:4-5

**Context:** Paul left Titus on the Island of Crete to help establish healthy churches. After addressing the false teachers in Titus chapter one, Paul now addresses proper Christian living. In short, correct doctrine will lead to correct living.

### God's word commands mothers to...

#### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ **Your Husband and children (vs. 4)**

- A. The Cretan social order did not always encourage marital fidelity nor even the basics of maternal commitment to offspring. (D.A. Carson)
- B. Christian mothers must resist the modern pressures that view husbands as incompetent and children as burdens.

#### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ **a life that is consistent with Scripture (vs. 5a)**

- A. Paul gives a list of attributes that comprise a Christian mother:
  - 1. **Self controlled** - The greek word "sophron" can be translated "sober" or "sensible"
  - 2. **Pure** - The emphasis here is addressing sexual purity in contrast to the Cretan culture of infidelity.
  - 3. **Working at home** - this does not prohibit working outside the home (cf. Prov. 31:16, 18, 24) but it does indicate that Paul expects wives to carry the primary responsibility for the day-to-day care of their homes and children. (John MacArthur)
  - 4. **Kind** - The fuller meaning of this word includes attributes such as gentleness, benevolence, goodness, and sympathetic.
  - 5. **Submissive** - Modeled in the Trinity, submission is always ultimately focused on the Lordship of Christ.

#### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ **true Biblical Submission (vs. 5b)**

- A. Biblical submission is seen within the Trinity, which clearly upholds both equality and order. (1 Corinthians 11:3)
- B. As the husband submits to Jesus, the wife also submits to Jesus and to her Christ-directed husband.