**SERMON OUTLINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION
	1. It is possible to live in a magnificent house and have an ugly home.
	2. Titus 2:1
		1. The word “become” in this verse means “to make beautiful.”
			1. We find the same idea in Titus 2:10.
				1. An adornment is that which makes beautiful.
				2. The word “adornment” in this passage literally deals with cosmetics.

That we might put on the “cosmetics” of the Word of God; adorn the doctrine of God.

* + 1. We can take truth and make it ugly, or we can take truth and make it beautiful.
			1. Some people use the Bible as a club rather than a sword.
		2. We need to do that which is becoming to sound doctrine, that which adorns the doctrine of God.
	1. We have a generation today that has lost its moorings.
		1. Even in many of our churches, the seminars, conferences, and marriage encounters that we have are not based on the Word of God.
	2. God wants to make a home beautiful, and the key to a beautiful home is the wife and mother.
	3. Today’s message will share what the Bible has to say about being a godly mother and will help that mother to have a beautiful home.
	4. Titus 2:1-5
		1. Before the author addresses the older women in these passages, he addresses the older men.
			1. It is an honorable thing for a man to grow old gracefully, for him to be a godly, old man.
				1. Proverbs 16:31
				2. Proverbs 17:6
			2. Satan has no happy old men.
				1. He may have some wild and reckless young men, but he has no happy old men.
1. the legacy that she is to leave (titus 2:3-5)
	1. A godly woman is to set an example for the younger women.
		1. She is to be holy in her lifestyle.
			1. Titus 2:3
			2. Scholars tell us that the word “holiness” has something to do with the priest as he comes out of the temple after burning incense.
				1. The smell of the incense is in his garments.
			3. Those living holy lives have the perfume of God in their lives.
				1. This is how an aged woman is to be.
		2. She is to be godly in her speech.
			1. Titus 2:3
				1. She is not to be a false accuser, or scandal monger.
				2. The word for “false accuser” in this passage is the same word from which we get our word “devil.”

The very word “devil” means “someone who is casting slander about” or “slanderer.”

* + - 1. Gossip is a disease that gets worse with age.
			2. A home that is filled with slander and gossip is an ugly home.
			3. A person who gossips is like Satan.
		1. She is to be free from addictive things.
			1. Titus 2:3
				1. “Not given to much wine.”

This is speaking of intoxicating wine.

This phrase is a combination of three Greek words that refers to someone who not only doesn’t drink it, but someone who actually stays away from it.

* + - 1. The Bible teaches that we are to totally abstain from alcoholic beverages.
			2. The spirit of this passage in Titus 2 includes anything else that is addictive, such as pills, cigarettes, diet drugs, etc.
	1. A godly woman is to teach the younger women.
		1. Titus 2:4-5
			1. The older women are to teach the younger women how to be homemakers.
		2. Titus 2:3, 5
			1. The word “good” in these passages literally has the idea of values.
				1. It means family values.
		3. In our country today, we need godly grandmothers and older women to teach the younger women to be homemakers.
			1. We spend a lot of money on the wedding but very little money on getting ready for the marriage.
			2. Many young ladies don’t know the very basic things, such as how to cook.
1. the love that she is to learn (titus 2:4-5)
	1. Titus 2:4-5
	2. Godly older women are to teach the younger women to love their children.
		1. Many today don’t really know how to love their children.
		2. How do you love a child?
			1. You tell them.
				1. Tell them over and over again that you love them.
			2. You touch them.
				1. Hug your kids.
			3. You teach them.
				1. Teach them day by day, line upon line, and precept upon precept.
		3. One of the great needs today is for mothers to love children.
		4. Radical feminists have taught women that having a career is perhaps more important than being a homemaker and that material goods are more important than children.
		5. Psalm 127:3
			1. We have a generation today who look upon children as burdens rather than blessings.
				1. There is something drastically wrong when we put to death a child in his mother’s womb, which ought to be the safest place on Earth for that child.
		6. In the Bible, many women who have blessed this world have been women who have prayed for children, and God answered their prayers.
			1. Sarah was barren until she was ninety years old.
				1. Hebrews 11:11
				2. Our Savior came from the line of Isaac.
			2. God answered Rachel and gave her Joseph, who delivered the nation of Israel.
				1. Genesis 30:22-24
			3. Ruth, who was barren, wanted a child; and she became the mother of Obed.
				1. Obed became the grandfather of David, Israel’s greatest king and from whose line came the Savior.
			4. Elisabeth was stricken in years, and God gave to her John the Baptist.
				1. Luke 7:28
			5. Hannah was in the holy place praying and sobbing so much that the prophet Eli thought that perhaps she was drunk.
				1. She wasn’t drunk; she was praying, asking God for a child.

1 Samuel 1:10-17

* + - * 1. God gave to Hannah little Samuel, who became the mighty prophet of Israel.
		1. Being a homemaker is not easy or glamorous, but there is no higher calling.
			1. Fathers have influence on their children, but mothers make the greatest impression.
	1. The older women are to teach the younger women to love their husbands.
		1. Titus 2:4
		2. If she can be taught to love her husband, then that means that she can love her husband.
		3. Mrs. Ruth Graham said that it is a wife’s job to love her husband, and it is God’s job to make him good.
1. the lifestyle that she is to live (Titus 2:5)
	1. Titus 2:5
	2. She is to be discreet.
		1. The word “discreet” in Titus 2:5 means “sober-minded,” “sensible,” “using good judgment.”
			1. She uses good judgment in her shopping, her nutrition, bookkeeping, culture, etc.
		2. Proverbs 18:22
		3. Proverbs 31:12
	3. She is to be chaste.
		1. Titus 2:5
			1. The word “chaste” here means “pure.”
		2. The older women need to teach the younger women the importance of keeping themselves pure for the one whom they will marry.
			1. Mothers should not leave it to the school system to teach their children about sexual morality.
				1. Sex education in secular schools will never work for good but only for harm if it is not based on morals and Bible truth.
				2. We need to be sure that our children understand what the Bible teaches.
		3. Teach them the importance of being morally pure.
	4. She is to be a keeper at home.
		1. Titus 2:5
		2. This does not mean that she cannot leave the house.
			1. The Greek word for “keepers at home” in this passage comes from a word that literally means “to be a housekeeper,” or “a worker at home.”
			2. This means that her major responsibility is to keep the home.
		3. Being a homemaker is a full-time occupation.
			1. There are many women today who have to work, and they deserve respect.
			2. But simply working in order to have a bigger house or nicer car or finer vacation instead of spending time with the children is a mistake.
			3. 1 Timothy 5:14
		4. The mother is to be the queen of the home.
		5. There is no higher calling and no greater career than to be a homemaker.
			1. This does not limit a woman.
			2. Proverbs 31 shares that a godly woman’s activities include travel, commerce, agriculture, investment in property and charity.
				1. But she also does not neglect her household.
		6. When deciding how much outside work she should be involved in, she should ask whether her outside work contributes to the home or detracts from it.
			1. The home is the most important part of our lives.
				1. The Bible says that one of the requisites for being a pastor is that the man has a successful family.

1 Timothy 3:4-5

If you’re not doing it at home, don’t stand in the pulpit and try to export it.

* + - 1. It is not business or education or recreation or government or the church, but it is the home that is the basic unit of everything.
				1. Therefore, the enemy is throwing all of his artillery against the home.
		1. Some people scoff at a young lady when they learn that her ambition is to be a wife and mother.
			1. But the highest and most meaningful thing one can do is to have a godly, Christian home.
	1. She is to be good.
		1. Titus 2:5
			1. The word “good” here does not mean “not doing bad.”
				1. It literally means “to be kind hearted,” not just morally straight.
		2. Every home needs a person with a good heart, not someone who is hateful and sharp.
		3. Proverbs 31:26
	2. She is to be obedient to her husband.
		1. This is politically incorrect, but it is Biblically true.
		2. Titus 2:4-5
		3. This does not mean that the husband is the dictator.
			1. It means that the husband is to give loving leadership in the home.
			2. It is not so much a chain of command as it is the acceptance of responsibility.
		4. Submission is not subjugation.
			1. The husband is not some sort of top sergeant in the home using the Bible as a club.
		5. The husband is not superior to the wife.
			1. Ephesians 5:22-23
				1. The husband is to be to his wife what Jesus is to the church.

This is not for her punishment but for her protection.

* + - 1. 1 Corinthians 11:3
				1. Just as God the Son is under God the Father in the Holy Trinity, the woman is under the man in God’s scheme of things.

This does not mean inferiority.

* + - * 1. Jesus Christ is co-equal and co-eternal with God the Father.
				2. Because God the Father is the head of Christ the Son, it does not mean that Christ the Son is inferior to God the Father.

And no woman is inferior to a man.

* + - 1. Galatians 3:28
		1. We are all one in Christ, but God has given this line of responsibility.
			1. A woman who rebels against this line of responsibility will encounter difficulty:
				1. Difficulty with God.

A rebellious spirit is ultimately aimed toward God.

* + - * 1. Difficulty with her husband.
				2. Difficulty with her children.

A wife who is not under the headship of her husband will not be able to have spiritual authority with her children.

Someone who cannot learn to be under authority cannot be trusted with authority.

* + - * 1. Difficulty with herself.

She will not have her deepest needs met.

* + 1. Submission does not remove freedom.
			1. When we get on God’s plan and begin to obey the Word of God, then we will find that God will give us incredible liberty.
1. CONCLUSION
	1. Titus 2:5
		1. The last part of this verse says that we are to do these things so that the Word of God be not blasphemed.
	2. The way to have a beautiful home is for it to be a Christ-centered home.
	3. If you want a Christ-centered home, then you must first know the Lord Jesus Christ.
	4. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
	5. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
		1. Romans 3:23
		2. Romans 10:9-10
		3. Romans 10:13
		4. Acts 16:31
		5. John 3:16