

SERMON OUTLINE

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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) It is possible to live in a magnificent house and have an ugly home.
- b) Titus 2:1
 - i) The word “become” in this verse means “to make beautiful.”
 - (1) We find the same idea in Titus 2:10.
 - (a) An adornment is that which makes beautiful.
 - (b) The word “adornment” in this passage literally deals with cosmetics.
 - (i) That we might put on the “cosmetics” of the Word of God; adorn the doctrine of God.
 - ii) 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.
 - iii) We need to do that which is becoming to sound doctrine, that which adorns the doctrine of God.
 - c) We have a generation today that has lost its moorings.
 - i) Even in many of our churches, the seminars, conferences, and marriage encounters that we have are not based on the Word of God.
 - d) God wants to make a home beautiful, and the key to a beautiful home is the wife and mother.
 - e) 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.
 - f) Titus 2:1-5
 - i) 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.
 - (a) Proverbs 16:31
 - (b) Proverbs 17:6
 - (2) Satan has no happy old men.
 - (a) He may have some wild and reckless young men, but he has no happy old men.

2) THE LEGACY THAT SHE IS TO LEAVE (TITUS 2:3-5)

- a) A godly woman is to set an example for the younger women.
 - i) 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.
 - (a) The smell of the incense is in his garments.
 - (3) Those living holy lives have the perfume of God in their lives.
 - (a) This is how an aged woman is to be.
 - ii) She is to be godly in her speech.
 - (1) Titus 2:3

- (a) She is not to be a false accuser, or scandal monger.
 - (b) The word for “false accuser” in this passage is the same word from which we get our word “devil.”
 - (i) The very word “devil” means “someone who is casting slander about” or “slanderer.”
 - (2) Gossip is a disease that gets worse with age.
 - (3) A home that is filled with slander and gossip is an ugly home.
 - (4) A person who gossips is like Satan.
 - iii) She is to be free from addictive things.
 - (1) Titus 2:3
 - (a) “Not given to much wine.”
 - (i) This is speaking of intoxicating wine.
 - (ii) 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.
 - (2) The Bible teaches that we are to totally abstain from alcoholic beverages.
 - (3) The spirit of this passage in Titus 2 includes anything else that is addictive, such as pills, cigarettes, diet drugs, etc.
 - b) A godly woman is to teach the younger women.
 - i) Titus 2:4-5
 - (1) The older women are to teach the younger women how to be homemakers.
 - ii) Titus 2:3, 5
 - (1) The word “good” in these passages literally has the idea of values.
 - (a) It means family values.
 - iii) 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.
- 3) THE LOVE THAT SHE IS TO LEARN (TITUS 2:4-5)
 - a) Titus 2:4-5
 - b) Godly older women are to teach the younger women to love their children.
 - i) Many today don’t really know how to love their children.
 - ii) How do you love a child?
 - (1) You tell them.
 - (a) Tell them over and over again that you love them.
 - (2) You touch them.
 - (a) Hug your kids.
 - (3) You teach them.
 - (a) Teach them day by day, line upon line, and precept upon precept.

- iii) One of the great needs today is for mothers to love children.
 - iv) 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.
 - v) Psalm 127:3
 - (1) We have a generation today who look upon children as burdens rather than blessings.
 - (a) 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.
 - vi) 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.
 - (a) Hebrews 11:11
 - (b) Our Savior came from the line of Isaac.
 - (2) God answered Rachel and gave her Joseph, who delivered the nation of Israel.
 - (a) Genesis 30:22-24
 - (3) Ruth, who was barren, wanted a child; and she became the mother of Obed.
 - (a) 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.
 - (a) 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.
 - (a) She wasn't drunk; she was praying, asking God for a child.
 - (i) 1 Samuel 1:10-17
 - (b) God gave to Hannah little Samuel, who became the mighty prophet of Israel.
 - vii) 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.
 - c) The older women are to teach the younger women to love their husbands.
 - i) Titus 2:4
 - ii) If she can be taught to love her husband, then that means that she can love her husband.
 - iii) 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.
- 4) THE LIFESTYLE THAT SHE IS TO LIVE (TITUS 2:5)
- a) Titus 2:5
 - b) She is to be discreet.

- i) 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.
- ii) Proverbs 18:22
- iii) Proverbs 31:12
- c) She is to be chaste.
 - i) Titus 2:5
 - (1) The word “chaste” here means “pure.”
 - ii) 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.
 - (a) Sex education in secular schools will never work for good but only for harm if it is not based on morals and Bible truth.
 - (b) We need to be sure that our children understand what the Bible teaches.
 - iii) Teach them the importance of being morally pure.
- d) She is to be a keeper at home.
 - i) Titus 2:5
 - ii) 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.
 - iii) 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
 - iv) The mother is to be the queen of the home.
 - v) 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.
 - (a) But she also does not neglect her household.
 - vi) 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.
 - (a) The Bible says that one of the requisites for being a pastor is that the man has a successful family.
 - (i) 1 Timothy 3:4-5

- (ii) If you're not doing it at home, don't stand in the pulpit and try to export it.
 - (2) 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.
 - (a) Therefore, the enemy is throwing all of his artillery against the home.
- vii) 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.
- e) She is to be good.
 - i) Titus 2:5
 - (1) The word "good" here does not mean "not doing bad."
 - (a) It literally means "to be kind hearted," not just morally straight.
 - ii) Every home needs a person with a good heart, not someone who is hateful and sharp.
 - iii) Proverbs 31:26
- f) She is to be obedient to her husband.
 - i) This is politically incorrect, but it is Biblically true.
 - ii) Titus 2:4-5
 - iii) 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.
 - iv) Submission is not subjugation.
 - (1) The husband is not some sort of top sergeant in the home using the Bible as a club.
 - v) The husband is not superior to the wife.
 - (1) Ephesians 5:22-23
 - (a) The husband is to be to his wife what Jesus is to the church.
 - (i) This is not for her punishment but for her protection.
 - (2) 1 Corinthians 11:3
 - (a) 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.
 - (i) This does not mean inferiority.
 - (b) Jesus Christ is co-equal and co-eternal with God the Father.
 - (c) 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.
 - (i) And no woman is inferior to a man.
 - (3) Galatians 3:28
 - vi) 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:
 - (a) Difficulty with God.

- (i) A rebellious spirit is ultimately aimed toward God.
- (b) Difficulty with her husband.
- (c) Difficulty with her children.
 - (i) A wife who is not under the headship of her husband will not be able to have spiritual authority with her children.
 - (ii) Someone who cannot learn to be under authority cannot be trusted with authority.
- (d) Difficulty with herself.
 - (i) She will not have her deepest needs met.
- vii) 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.

5) CONCLUSION

- a) Titus 2:5
 - i) The last part of this verse says that we are to do these things so that the Word of God be not blasphemed.
- b) The way to have a beautiful home is for it to be a Christ-centered home.
- c) If you want a Christ-centered home, then you must first know the Lord Jesus Christ.
- d) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- e) 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.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31
 - v) John 3:16