



**Questions & Answers From The Bible
Sunday Night Series**

QUESTIONS BASED UPON TITUS 2:5

- 1) Is It Biblical For A Woman To Work?
- 2) Is It Biblical To Put Your Child In A Daycare, Seeing As The Woman Is To Be The Keeper Of The Home?
- 3) How Are The Older Women To Teach The Younger Women To Be Sober And Love Their Husbands And Children?
- 4) Why Does The First Line of Titus 2:4 Mention “Be Sober?”

IS IT BIBLICAL FOR A WOMAN TO WORK?

Proverbs 31 speaks of “**a virtuous woman.**” Starting at verse 11, the writer praises this woman as one who does everything in her power to care for her family. She works hard to keep her house and her family in order.

The Bible nowhere forbids a woman from working outside the home.

However, the Bible does teach what a woman’s priorities are to be. If working outside the home causes a woman to neglect her children and husband, then it is wrong for that woman to work outside the home.

If a Christian woman can work outside the home and still provide a loving, caring environment for her children and husband, then it is perfectly acceptable for her to work outside the home.

Women who work outside the home should not be condemned, and neither should women who focus on the stewardship of the home be treated with condescension.

IS IT BIBLICAL TO PUT YOUR CHILD IN A DAYCARE, SEEING AS THE WOMAN IS TO BE THE KEEPER OF THE HOME?

Although the Bible teaches that parents bear the *primary* responsibility to raise their children, it does not indicate that parents are required to do it alone. There may be others involved in the raising and teaching of our children.

All parents need assistance in this task.

While parents have a God-given duty to care for their children, it is not their exclusive calling. God calls able-bodied adults to work to earn a living.

Children are exclusively spoken of as a blessing in Scripture.

Children are entrusted to us by God and should never be seen as a distraction from career goals or bucket lists, nor as objects or pets, but are to be nurtured in a complete way – spiritually, emotionally, socially, and physically.

The truth that children are exclusively spoken of as a blessing in Scripture should inform all our discussions on parenting and child-care.

TOP FIVE REASONS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER A CHRISTIAN DAYCARE

1. Consistent Character

Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way that he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

2. Education From a Christian Perspective

As your child begins to learn about the world, a Christian daycare will teach them from a Biblical worldview.

3. Learning the Bible

A Christian daycare will help your child become more familiar with the Bible by teaching your child from it, helping them memorize Bible verses, and encouraging prayer.

4. Christian Role Models

Parents are a child's primary role model, followed by their Sunday school teachers and in later life, their teachers. A Christian daycare is a perfect place for them to consistently see an authority figure acting in love and patience.

5. Living Every Day for God

With its teaching, role models, and values, a Christian daycare is a perfect way to show your child that being a Christian isn't just about going to church on Sunday. It's about incorporating your faith into the way you live life through reading your Bible and dedicating time to prayer and worship. You can't make your child accept the Gospel of Jesus, but by choosing a Christian daycare you are setting them up with a solid foundation.

HOW ARE THE OLDER WOMEN TO TEACH THE YOUNGER WOMEN?

To Love their Husbands – It is interesting that the younger women are to be taught to love their husbands. Surely a wife loves her husband when she marries him. But maintaining and developing this love is something that takes effort. Too many marriages fall apart because couples have grown apart.

To Love their Children – Most women who have children love them, but the fact that the older women were to teach the young women to love their children implies that Paul has a certain type of love in mind. When he wrote to the brethren in Thessalonica, he spoke of the love a mother has and shows toward her child to illustrate his concern for them.

1 Thessalonians 2:7 *But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children:*

This type of personal, nurturing affection and attention is what the older women were to teach the young women to practice.

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To Be Discreet – The word means... *prudent; wise in avoiding evil and in selecting the best means to achieve a purpose; to be self-controlled, sober-minded; cautious; not rash.*

Young women, like anyone else, can be led into sin and to forsake their God-given responsibilities when they fail. The older women must teach the young women to exercise control over their actions, thoughts, and emotions so that they will not become easy targets for the devil.

To Be Chaste – This word here means pure or modest. This involves “*chaste conversation coupled with fear*” (1 Peter 3:2) by which she is trying to bring glory to God, not to herself. It is common for worldly women to judge themselves and others based upon the clothes that they wear.

The older women must teach the young women that expensive, fancy, and costly clothing is *not* important. Instead, they should focus on developing “... *the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.*” (1 Peter 3:4).

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To Be Keepers (Workers) at Home – "Keepers at home" are usually "workers at home." The older women must teach the young women about domestic responsibilities in order to help train them to be... *"domestically inclined ("good housekeeper")* Titus 2:5.

To Be Good – Kindness involves showing love and doing good toward others. Humility is involved in this because in order to show kindness, a woman must *"regard [others] as more important"* than herself, and not *"look out for [her] own personal interest, but also for the interests of others"* (Philippians 2:3-4).

The older women must teach the young women to show kindness and do good to others.

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To Be Obedient to Their Own Husbands

The thought that a woman is to be subject and obedient to her husband is ridiculed and attacked by many in our society.

Women are taught by society that there is no such thing as different roles for men and women, even though the Scriptures describe distinct roles for husbands and wives (Ephesians 5:22-25).

Many believe that a woman can be the head of a household over a man, even though the Scriptures teach us that she must be in submission to him

1 Corinthians 11:3 *“But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man...”*

Colossians 3:18 *“Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.”*

The older women must teach the young women to submit to their husbands (1 Peter 3:1), respect them (Ephesians 5:33), and fulfill the role of *“an help meet for him”* (Genesis 2:18).

