

Righteous Relationships 101: Part 2 and 3
What you need to know before you meet that special someone

| |
|--|
| Right People Make for Righteous Relationships Titus 2:4-5: Characteristics which provide a picture of the godly woman |
|--|

I. Pursues discipleship (v.4)

- A. "So that they may *encourage* the younger women"
 - 1. Means to be sound minded or sober minded
 - 2. Can also be used in reference to admonishment
 - 3. To "recall one to ones senses"

- B. As a younger woman, you need help from life-tested saints

II. Learns to love (v.4)

- A. "To love their husbands"
 - 1. *Philandros* literally translated: "love of man"
 - 2. This is an affection kind of love
 - 3. The love of a dear friend

- B. How do I build this kind of tenderness and affection
 - 1. Understand that men and women are different
 - 2. Kill all roots of bitterness towards men
 - 3. Develop relationships with godly men

III. Becomes children-friendly (v.4)

- A. Not only are women to love their husbands but also their children
Just as you don't have a husband, you don't have kids right now, but you should be getting experience in this category. Why? Because taking care of children is not an innate ability

- B. Today there is so much contention with a woman being a mother
 - 1. Motherhood is seen more as a curse than a role and a blessing
 - 2. Motherhood is not a second rate job, but the highest calling of a woman
 - 3. Motherhood is one of the most rewarding avenues of life
 - 4. Motherhood should not be abandoned for a career

- C. Guys should date child-friendly girls
 - 1. Do not be fooled by the woman of the world
 - 2. Your choice of a future wife will affect your family for generations to come
 - 3. She will influence in a major way the spiritual temperature of your kids
 - 4. Her spiritual life is what your kids will see in their formative years
 - 5. By going outside of God's design you jeopardize your family's future

IV. Develops Self Control (v.5)

A. "To be sensible"

1. A trait required of elders (Titus 1:8), older men (Titus 2:2), all believers (Titus 2:12)
2. This term means to be in control of oneself, being self-controlled
3. This word has to do with the avoidance of extremes
4. You're not a roller coaster, you're steady, even keeled

B. Here are some areas where emotions can override convictions

1. Money: Do you buy things compulsively?
2. Time: Do you let your emotions control how you spend your time?
3. Feelings: Do you not do something, just because you don't feel right?

C. Gentlemen, do not pursue an impulsive woman

D. Practical ways to be sensible in dating

1. Don't let your emotions go faster than the relationship
2. Don't let your emotions consume your life and take you away from biblical responsibilities
3. Don't talk about marriage unless you're on the verge of engagement

V. Protects her purity (v.5)

Here are a couple categories where you can look at your purity

A. Thought life

1. Do you protect your mind from impure thoughts?
2. It is a myth that only guys struggle with lust
3. Martha Peace says, "Often bondage to sinful lust is thought to be a problem for men but not women. That is not true. Women also may be enticed into the world of fantasies, self-gratification, pornography, and immorality. It all begins with their thoughts."

B. Physical Appearance

1. Gene Getz says (the sexual power of a woman is referring to the physical beauty a woman has to charm her husband), "These sexual powers are to be definitely restricted and used exclusively in relationship to her husband. With all other men, she is to be discreet and modest. In no way should she deliberately or even naively attract men to herself sexually. To do so is to violate Paul's instructions to be pure."
2. Three ways to check your modesty:
 - a. Ask an older godly woman
 - b. Take a modesty survey (provided by ministry)
 - c. therebelution.com/modestysurvey
3. The great theologian Arthur Pink said, "Again, if lustful looking be so grievous a sin, then those who dress and expose themselves with desires to be looked at and lusted after-as Jezebel, who painted her face, tired her head, and looked out of the window ([2 Kings 9:30](#))- are not less, but even

more guilty. In this matter it is only too often the case that men sin, but women tempt them so to do. How great, then, must be the guilt of the great majority of the modern misses who deliberately seek to arouse the sexual passions of our young men? And how much greater still is the guilt of most of their mothers for allowing them to become lascivious temptresses?"

VI. Works at home (v.5)

- A. This is addressing the heart of a woman who is content to be at home
 - 1. Is she willing to serve her husband and family in the home?
 - 2. This is one of the key markers of the Proverbs 31 woman
 - a. She rises also while it is still night and gives food to her household and portions to her maidens (Prov. 31:15)
 - b. She is not afraid of the snow for her household, for all her household are clothed with scarlet. (Prov. 31:21)
 - c. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness (Prov. 31:27)
 - 3. Really, the woman who is a worker at home is striving to take care of her household, she wants to take care of those under the roof of her home

- B. What this statement does not mean:
 - 1. That you should drop out of school
 - 2. That you cannot work outside the home

- C. How can I become this woman today?
 - 1. Learn a strong work ethic
 - 2. Learn to be a servant

- D. Note to the men: If you are privileged to meet one of these ladies, you better be prepared. Are you working towards a job that provides for a family? Do you know how to handle your money? Do you know how to live within your means?

VII. Cultivates her kindness (v.5)

- A. Do you have a reputation of kindness?

- B. Three areas to establish a reputation of kindness
 - 1. Kind demeanor
 - 2. Kind words
 - a. Proverbs 31:26 She opens her mouth in wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue
 - b. Proverbs 16:24 Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones
 - 3. Kind deeds

- C. Key: You cannot be kind if you are always thinking about yourself

VIII. Determines to submit (v.5)

- A. This is a woman who fears and honors her husband

- B. This has to do with a role distinction, not a value distinction
 - 1. Women are not inferior or less of a human being than men
 - 2. We must remember that submission is required of all Christians
 - a. All men are called to submit to the government
 - b. Christians are called to submit to spiritual leaders
 - c. Workers are called to submit to their bosses
 - d. Woman are called to submit to their husbands

- C. Key: If a single woman has a hard time following leadership today, she will have a hard time following her husband tomorrow

Conclusion:

It is difficult being a godly woman, but who ever said being godly was easy?

But godly women live this way because they LOVE God and desire to honor Him (v.5)