

21st Century Women of Grace:

God's Pathway to Eternal, Life-long Usefulness

Titus 2:2-8

God has clearly communicated in easy to understand terms His desires. God wants 21st Century Women of Grace who follow His pathway to life-long usefulness. This desire of God was embraced by generation after generation of believers: which led to personal spiritual disciplines, focused priorities and deeply impacting lives.

But in modern times, ***it seems we have lost that sense of urgency that earlier generations of Christ's church all seemed to share.***

Earlier generations of believers had a sense of urgency that is summed up by the final words of the Apostle Peter. Just before his execution for his faith, Peter wrote to the churches these sobering words: since everything is going to get dissolved, burn up, and destroyed, live for the One who makes all you do in His Name—last forever (II Peter 3:11).

Because we love the Lord, we want to do anything and everything that pleases Him. That is the conclusion Peter expresses in these verses. Since life is short, since everything on Earth is headed for the incinerator: we should consider how we live.

As we open to the book of Titus this morning, never forget that each person in the church that originally got this letter seemed to share this urgency that made them all want to be sure that new believers were nurtured.

This urgency was based on a personal conviction these believers had embraced that:

Titus 2 is the Pattern God Gave

Early believers urgently wanted to be rewarded at Christ's Bema Seat Judgment, so these verses were their marching orders to keep them on track, God shared a curriculum that any believer in any level of Roman society could relate to and embrace as their priorities.

For the past 20 centuries God is asking each of us to check our priorities against His. He wants us pointed His way so that our life can become a pattern of grace that can be used to mentor, encourage, coach, tutor, teach, train and guide another's life towards Him. That is: **The Pathway of Usefulness to God**

There is nothing greater in life than to be useful for God! As we stand with our Bibles opened to Titus 2:3-5, listen to the very voice of God speaking not to a select few, but to every woman, of any age, here today:

3 the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things— 4 that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, **that the word of God may not be blasphemed.**

Pray

When God set the curriculum for His Church, thus is what He chose to be taught. In simple words that everyone alive in the First Century church could comprehend, Paul wrote to Titus. The early believers of Crete not only understood, but they had a picture of this quality burned into their mind from the Roman culture alive and moving all around them.

Christ is looking for Godly Women of Influence

Titus was instructed to make sure that the older women were tuned to what God considers most meaningful and profitable for their lives. As I read this list and describe these qualities, do a mental check up on how you are doing ladies. These five qualities are to become the life-priorities for grace-energized women.

v. 3 the **older women** likewise, that they be:

Priority-1: "Reverent in behavior" as the Greek¹ words *ieroprepeis katastematai* are rendered in the NKJV/ESV/NAS, KJV "in behavior as becometh holiness", and NIV "reverent in the way they live". The only church-wide curriculum for women starts with this call for all women to behave as representatives of God. This means that our God desires that every woman in Christ's church: **Live Holy in an Unholy World.**

In the ancient world the prime temples to the chief gods were intentionally built outside of town. People had to stop, take a bath, change into special clothes and then walk down a "sacred way" often stretching a mile or more to the temple. They were led down the sacred path by individuals who acted as representatives of the gods. That word for 'acting as a representative of a god' is the word Paul uses to describe the devout and godly character of the Titus 2 woman.

The first desire God has for every woman is for her to be consecrated, a living sacrifice, crucified with Christ, surrendered, and yielded, totally His. That's God's desire for you, is that what you are asking Him to do in your life?

¹ Strong's numbers 2412 and 2688

Priority-2: “Not slanderers” as the Greek² words *me diabolous* are rendered in the NKJV/ ESV/NIV; KJV “not false accusers”, and “not malicious gossips” in the NAS.

God is looking for godly, mature women who will never allow their speech to get hijacked by Satan, the ultimate terrorist. God desires that all women be known as those that **Speak Gracefully in a Graceless World**.

God is looking for godly, mature women, who will mix their words with His grace so that when they speak, they speak gracefully. God wants to harness the tongue of every woman, He wants no surrender of this most powerful tool. Women of grace have their words used by God for His glory. Have you renewed His control over your talking today?

Priority-3: “not given to much wine” as the Greek³ words *oino pollo dedoulomenas* are rendered in the NKJV, “or slaves to much wine” in the ESV, “or addicted to much wine” in the NIV; and “nor enslaved to much wine” in the NAS.

God is looking for godly, mature women who will **Discipline (their) Appetites in an Undisciplined World**. Nothing is more important, and no priority is higher than surrender to God as His servants.

We are never to surrender to any other outside control to become its slave. Today “not given to much” goes far beyond merely wine. There are so many forms of alcohol never imagined in the Biblical times that can be abused, plus drugs (both the acceptable and unacceptable kinds) that can be abused, tobacco that can be abused, wonderful varieties of food that can be abused, beautiful varieties of fashionable clothing that change with every season that can be abused, housing options, exercise options, recreation options—all that can be abused and become addictions.

God wants your chosen surrender of all of your appetites to the One who bought you and owns you (I Corinthians 6:19-20)? Are you on a daily basis reminding your body that it is not in control, and that it is the mind of Christ you are seeking to control your desires (Romans 6)?

Priority-4: “teachers of good things” as the Greek⁴ word *kalodidaskalous* is rendered in the NKJV, and “teach what is good” NIV/NAS/ESV. God is looking for godly, mature women who will surrender their minds, bodies, appetites, conversation, and time to Him so that they **Model Godliness in an Ungodly World**. The woman of grace takes the time needed to cultivate a vital walk in the Word with the Lord. She lives the walk, teaching by action even before words.

² Strong’s word numbers 3661 and 1228

³ Strong’s word numbers 3631, 4183, and 1402.

⁴ Strong’s word number 2567

Have you decided to seek first God's rule over your mind, so that you let His Word so richly dwell in your life that you can be a tool in His Hands? God desires women who are on call for Him to live a life that younger women admire for its godliness; and then want to be taught how to follow the Lord like you are.

Priority-5: v. 4 "That they admonish" as the Greek⁵ verb ***sophronizosin*** is rendered in the NKJV; "and so train" in the ESV; "then they can train" in the NIV; "that they may encourage" in the NAS.

God is looking for godly, mature women who will make it their life-long goal to resist the temptation of self-absorption in all the activities of life and instead ask God to guide them in how to fulfill His desire to be personally **Investing in others in a Detached World**. This wise, focused, and restrained living was the single character quality God wanted in every level of His Church. The core value of nurture never ends in a godly woman's life, she lives to see Christ growing in those her life can touch.

God designed women to be investors, nurturing others. Are you looking for ways to nurture your children if you have any, and to reach out into a younger woman's life and become her spiritual mentor, wise counselor, and encourager? God says that is part of the ministry in Christ's Church that pleases Him.

Next:

Christ is looking for Young Women of Godliness

To be that woman of influence, these were the seven characteristics God was looking for on your spiritual resume, Paul asks Titus to explain.

v. 4b the young women:

Priority-6: "to love their husbands" as the one Greek⁶ word ***philandrous*** is translated in the NKJV/KJV/NIV/NAS/ESV. This compound word is made up of two Greek words: ***phileo*** (a close friendship) and ***androus*** (husband) and *means to be a husband-lover, a woman totally devoted to her husband.*

The most powerful tool in God's hands before a watching world, is a band of godly wives, who live out in their marriages, Christ's **Self-sacrificing Love in a Selfish World**, and this was the FIRST lesson God asked that each young woman be taught.

This godly woman goes against the tide, and dies to selfishness, self-centeredness, and self-indulgence; so that those around her see the love of God through self-sacrificing

⁵ Strong's word number 4994

⁶ Strong's word number 5362

life. Remember this word that starts the list describes a wife who is love-filled, respect-reflecting, and the ***best-friend-in-all-the-world*** to their husband!

If you are married, or ever are going to get married **God wants you to Love your Husband:** but whether you ever are married or not, the God of the Universe is pleased by your life if you cultivate—self-sacrificing love in a selfish world.

God desires women who display His plan for marriage summed up as godly women who are best friends with their husbands. Is that the direction of your life, your marriage, and your heart of obedience to the Lord?

Priority-7: “to love their children” is one word in the Greek⁷ text, ***philoteknos***; and it means to be a lover of children. So godly mothers love their children with a love that is described precisely, by the Spirit of God in the word He chose.

God says I want ***phileo*** love that can be felt, as a grace-prompted-mother’s special ministry in Christ's church! These women continue as mothers and godly women who demonstrate Christ's **Nurturing Love in a Loveless World.**

If you are married and have children, **God wants you to Love your Children:** but even if you are never married or have children, the God of the Universe is pleased by your life if you cultivate—nurturing love in a loveless world.

Do you see your role as the mother, nurturing your children at home as a God-given calling? If you have children at home there is no higher calling in all the Universe than to nurture them with Christ's love before a loveless and watching world.

Priority-8: v. 5 “to be discreet” is the Greek⁸ adjective ***sophronizosin*** that God inspired Paul to write, and is translated in the NKJV as “discreet”, NAS “sensible”, or NIV/ESV “self-controlled”. This is the only quality desired by God in all four groups of the church (men/women, younger/older) who are in tune with the Lord, and also are **Focusing on God in a Foolish World.**

This word describes being serious about spiritual things; living a disciplined life: which means self-controlled and not addicted to anything. No matter what your situation, background, or temperament, the **God who owns you** wants you to be discreet, sensible, and wise in the decisions and choices you make.

Are you a godly woman in tune with the Lord? Then He desires that you focus on His Word, while everyone else is distracted and amused. Will you make daily choices to cultivate a deep and transforming focus upon God

⁷ Strong’s word number 5388.

⁸ Older men #4998; older women # 4993; here for younger women # 4994; and younger men # 4998.

through His Word, so that His desires become more and more known and obeyed in your life?

Priority-9: “chaste” (KJV/NKJV) or “pure” (ESV/NIV/NAS) is ***hagnos***, the Greek⁹ word that God chose for Paul that is one of the key words of the Bible. This word here describes a young woman who is **Pursuing Modesty in an Immodest World**. She never chooses to display her beauty in a way that could displease God. This character choice is so important to God that He guided the Apostles to speak of this purity and holiness over 300 times¹⁰ in the New Testament that encompass every reference to describe the sanctified lives he demands from His children. Purity is the description (adjective ***hagnos***) of the believers who are allowing God to sanctify (verb ***hagiazō***) them.

Even in the midst of a society given to wickedness, even if everyone else does it, if you want your life to be rewarded with the greatest of all joy when you hear Christ's “Well done, good and faithful servant”, then you must obey the desire of God that you be chaste: **Jesus Christ is pleased when He sees you pursuing modesty in an immodest world.**

Have you decided as a godly woman, that you will pursue this quality God so clearly desires in your life? Do you dress and conduct yourself in such a way that the first way that those who see you would describe you to others is “modest” or “holy”?

As God’s Temple, the Lord has clearly said that since He lives in you, He wants you modest, chaste, and holy for Him. Is that your deep desire today?

Priority-10: “homemakers” (NKJV), comes from the Greek¹¹ word ***oikourgos*** also translated as “keepers at home” (KJV); “to be busy at home” (NIV); “workers at home” (NAS); and “working at home” ESV. All the versions portray God’s desire for women of grace to offer her homemaking in worshipful service to God. God desires His godly women of the church to **Pursue Homemaking in a Homeless World**.

As the world has fewer and fewer nurturing homes where Christ’s love is seen and felt, women of grace transform even the most menial household duty into an offering of worshipful obedience to God. God designed women, not men, to have the calling and responsibility of shaping and keeping the home!

If you are married, with or without children, the God who made you desires that you

⁹ Strong’s word number 53.

¹⁰ Using 11 closely related Greek words: ***Hagiazō*** (37) verb ‘sanctify’ 29x *key verses*: John 17:17, Acts 26:18; Eph. 5:26; I Thes. 5:23; II Tim. 2:21; ***hagiasmos*** (38) noun/masc. ‘sanctification’ 10x *key verses*: Romans 6:19, 22; I Cor. 1:3; I Thess. 4:3, 4, 7; II Thess. 2:13; I Timothy 2:15; Hebrews 12:14; I Peter 1:2; ***hagion*** (39) adjective ‘holy place’ 11x only in Hebrews; ***hagios*** (40) adjective ‘holiness’ 229x [“holy” 161x, “saints” 61x, and “Holy One” 4x]; ***hagiotēs*** (41) noun/fem ‘holiness’ 1x *key verses*: Hebrews 12:10; ***hagiosune*** (42) noun/fem ‘holiness’ 3x *key verses*: Romans 1:4; II Cor. 7:1; I Thess. 3:13; ***hagneia*** (47) noun/fem ‘purity’ 2x *key verses*: I Tim. 4:12; I Tim. 5:2; ***hagnizo*** (48) verb ‘purify’ 7x *key verses*: James 4:8, I Peter 1:22, I John 3:3; ***hagnismos*** (49) noun/masc ‘purification’ 1x; ***hagnos*** (53) adjective 8x *key verses*: II Cor. 11:2; Phil. 4:8; I Tim. 5:22; Titus 2:5; James 3:17; I Peter 3:2; I John 3:3; ***hagnotes*** (54) noun/fem ‘pureness’ 1x *key verse*: II Cor. 6:6.

¹¹ Strong’s word number 3626.

respond to His call to be a **Homemaker**: but even if you are never married, and whether or not you have children, God asks you to please Him by pursuing a welcoming home in a homeless world.

Titus 2 teaches younger women the centrality in God's plan of a woman's priority being her home.

Do you as a godly woman know that this is the role God has given to you, for you on a daily basis to receive His well done good and faithful servants? Each day that you accept and follow God's desired plan for your life, that day pleases God and is redeemed for eternal reward.

Priority-11: "good": translated "good" (KJV/NKJV) or "kind" (ESV/NIV/NAS) is what God is looking for in a Titus 2 woman. The Greek¹² word is: **agathous**. God asks for godly young women who at every level of life will **Pursue Kindness in a Harsh World**. God is good, the fruit of the Spirit is goodness, and a godly woman's heart is fixed upon this goodness (Proverbs 31) in all she does.

The colder and darker the world may get, the Lord wants us standing out clearly as good: our Master is pleased when we are pursuing kindness in a harsh world.

Paul reduces God's desire for how we live to just one word: good; which is also the only basis of rewards of Christ's Bema Seat (II Corinthians 5:10).

Our eternal rewards are based on the grace-prompted goodness God sees in our behavior through life. Is that desire God expresses to us what starts the agenda of our activities we desire to do each day?

Priority-12: "Obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed" (NKJV). God's Spirit led Paul to use the Greek¹³ word **hupotasso** which means "be subject to". God did not want to convey that He was asking all wives to 'obey', which is a completely different word, rather He chose this word that is translated in the ESV "submissive", NIV "subject to" and NASB "subject to".

God designed gender-specific roles for the marriage partners, and godly women, when in step with the Spirit, and energized by grace choose to **Pursue Submission in a Rebellious World**.

For every woman who is married, the Lord has clearly called you to an attitude of submission to your husband: but whether or not you are ever married, **God is pleased by you Pursuing submission in a rebellious world**.

¹² Greek **agathos** (Strong's # 18) is the word in Romans 12:2 'prove what is good'; 12:9 'cling to good'; 12:21 'overcome evil with good'; also in Eph. 2:10 'created for good works'; also Eph. 4:29 'let no corrupt, only what is good'; and in II Cor. 5:10 this is what our eternal reward Examiner is looking for!

¹³ Strong's word number 5293.

Women of grace want to know and do what God desires for them. In this rebellious world, often willfully ignorant of God's plan, the woman of grace wants to step in line with what God desires. Have you said yes Lord, I want to do Your will, not mine?

Think on what these verses say. Let the immensity of what is on paper in front of you, settle over your mind, these are:

God's Desires For Every Woman of Grace

God has laid out His desires, for the personality, goals, priorities, and lifestyle of a woman that is totally His.

God's Word is before you, held and read by you. And those Words from God: describe the choices, the habits, and the personal agenda that every 21st woman of grace should live for.

With time ceaselessly running by at the speed of 60 minutes per hour, Titus 2 is God's way for every woman to grab and invest that time in an eternal savings account.

21st Century Women of Grace follow God's pathway for eternal, and life-long usefulness to God.

Because God asks for these qualities it means that He will enable us by His grace to master every area of our life to make our lives pleasing in His sight.

The 24 Quality Curriculum God wants Taught in Christ's Church

v.1 But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine, v.2a that the older men be:
1. sober: Maintaining A Balanced Life In An Obsessive-Compulsive World sober (3524-nephalios KJV/NKJV); temperate (NIV/NAS): unintoxicated by comfort, convenience, security, work, sports, amusements. balanced
2. reverent: Getting Serious About God In An Amused World reverent (4586-semnos NKJV); grave (KJV); worthy respect (NIV); dignified (NAS): venerable, reputable, honorable, grave, serious, stately
3. temperate: Living Wisely In A Foolish World (SOPHRON WORD) temperate (4998-sophroneo KJV/NKJV); self-controlled (NIV); sensible (NAS): wise
4. sound in faith: Guarding A Healthy Mind In A Sick World
5. [sound in] love: Staying Tender Hearted In A Cruel World
6. [sound in] patience: Finishing Hopefully In A Despairing World
v. 3 the older women likewise, that they be:
1. reverent in behavior: Living Holy in an Unholy World
2. not slanderers: Speaking Gracefully in a Graceless World
3. not given to much wine: Disciplining Appetites in an Undisciplined World
4. teachers of good things—: Modeling Godliness in an Ungodly World
5. v. 4 that they admonish: Investing in others in a Detached World (SOPHRON WORD)
v. 4b the young women :
1. to love their husbands: Self-sacrificing Love in a Selfish World
2. to love their children,: Nurturing Love in a Loveless World
3. v. 5 to be discreet: Focusing on God in a Foolish World (SOPHRON WORD)
4. chaste: Pursuing Modesty in an Immodest World
5. homemakers: Pursuing Homemaking in a Hostile World
6. good: Pursuing Kindness in a Harsh World
7. obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed: Pursuing Submission in a Rebellious World
v. 6 Likewise exhort the young men :
1. to be sober-minded,: Living A Restrained Life In an unrestrained World (SOPHRON WORD) to be sober-minded (4993-sophroneo sober minded NKJV/KJV); self-controlled (NIV); sensible (NAS):
2. v. 7 in all things showing yourself to be a pattern [(5179 KJV/NKJV); example NIV/NAS] of good works: Following Christ In A Christ-less World;

3.	"in doctrine showing integrity" ¹⁴ : This is the call to the personal integrity of Believing Right so that I Behave Right ; or of Maintaining Godly Purity In An Impure World ;
4.	reverence: Staying Focused on God in a World of Distractions reverence (4587-semnotes NKJV); gravity (KJV); seriousness (NIV); dignified (NAS):
5.	incorruptibility,: Keeping an Incorruptible Life in a Decaying World incorruptibility (861-NKJV); sincerity (KJV); not in NU:
6.	v. 8 sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you. (NKJV): Healthy Communications in a Sick World; Speaking Words of Life in a World of Death; Speaking God's Words In A Godless World

Godly Mature Men (Titus 2:2)	Godly Mature Women (Titus 2:3-4a)	Young Maturing Women (Titus 2:4b-5)	Young Maturing Men (Titus 2:6-8)
Sober (3524 nephalous):	Reverent (2412) in behavior (2688)	Love their husbands (5362)	Sober minded (4993): verb, present active infinitive sophronein; Romans 12:3 admonish to proper goals 'think reasonably'; I Peter 4:7 'of sound mind' admonish brevity of life;
Reverent (4586 semnous)	Not slanderers (1228)	Love their children (5388)	Pattern (5179) good works (2570/2041)
Temperate (4998 sophronas): adjective: accusative masculine plural; this is word for elders I Tim 3:2 'sensible'; Titus 1:8 'sober-minded'; here as older man; and v. 5 younger women	Not given to much wine (1402/4183/3631)	Discreet (4998) same as v. 2	(Pattern of) doctrine (1319) integrity (90)
Sound in faith (5198 pistei)	Teachers of good things (2567)	Chaste (53)	(Pattern of) reverence (4587)
(Sound in) love (26 agape)	Admonish (4994) young women: verb present active subjunctive 3P plural; "to recall one to their senses"; only here, verb form of adjective #4998 sophron	Home makers (3626)	(Pattern of) incorruptibility (861)
(Sound in) patience (5281 hupomone)		Good (18)	(Pattern of) sound speech (5199/3056)
		Obedient (5293) to own husbands	

The Passage in the Big Five Versions

¹⁴ The Greek text is: en te didaskalia (1319) apthorian (90).

KJV	NKJV	NIV	ESV	NAS
<p>But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine: 2 That the aged men be</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, [sound in] in charity, [sound in] in patience. <p>3 The aged women likewise, that they be</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; v.4 That they may teach the young women <ol style="list-style-type: none"> to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed. <p>6 Young men likewise exhort</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> to be sober minded. 7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, 8 Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you. <p>KJV</p>	<p>But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine: v.2 that the older men be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> sober reverent, temperate sound in faith, [sound in] love [sound in] patience <p>v.3 the older women likewise, that they be</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> reverent in behavior not slanderers not given to much wine teachers of good things v. 4 that they admonish <p>the young women</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> to love their husbands, to love their children, v.5 to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed. <p>v.6 Likewise <i>exhort</i> (5x parakaleo Mk 5:23) the young men</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> to be <i>sober-minded</i>, v.7 in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, 8 sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you. <p>(NKJV)</p>	<p>You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine. 2 Teach the older men:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, [sound in] love and [sound in] endurance. <p>3 Likewise, teach the older women</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. v.4 Then they can train the younger women <ol style="list-style-type: none"> to love their husbands and children, 5 to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God. <p>6 Similarly, <i>encourage</i> the young men</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> to be <i>self-controlled</i>. 7 In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness 8 and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us. <p>(NIV)</p>	<p>1 But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine. 2 Older men are to be</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness. <p>3 Older women likewise are</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, 4 and so train <p>the young women</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> to love their husbands and children, 5 to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled. <p>6 Likewise, urge the younger men</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> to be self-controlled. 7 Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, 5. 8 and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us. 	<p>But as for you, speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine.2 Older men are</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, [sound in] love, [sound in] perseverance. <p>3 Older women likewise are</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips, nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good,4 that they may encourage the young women <ol style="list-style-type: none"> to love their husbands, to love their children,5 to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be dishonored. <p>6 Likewise <i>urge</i> the young men</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> to be <i>sensible</i>; 7 in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine, dignified, 5. 8 sound in speech which is beyond reproach, in order that the opponent may be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us.