

# <u>Titus 2:1</u> But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:

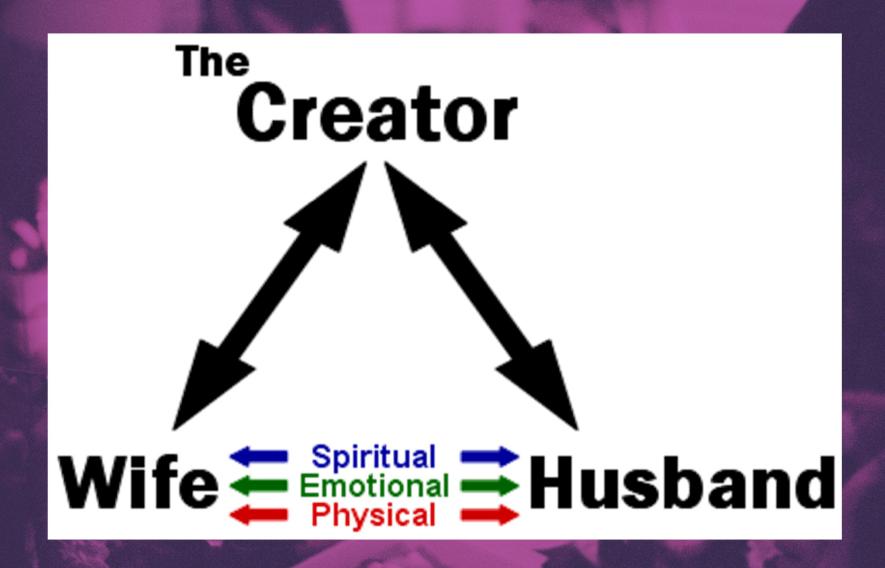
- 2 That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.
- <u>3</u> The aged women likewise, that *they be* in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;
- 4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,
- <u>5</u> To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

## Review

 Marriage, Scripturally defined, is the union of one man and one woman, for God's glory.

# I. THE ROLE OF MARRIAGE IS TO GLORIFY THE CREATOR

 God's order of relationship = God first; mate second; children third, ministry and career must always follow after.



# II. THE ROLE OF THE HUSBAND TO GLORIFY THE CREATOR A. COMMUNICATE THE MESSAGE

Eph. 5:32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

#### B. CONTINUE THE MISSION

**B** = "be committed"

**L** = "lovingly touch"

**E** = "express value"

**S** = "see potential"

**S** = "say it"

Being a godly husband means to be a "blessing" to your wife!

Being a godly wife has many similar characteristics that it takes to be a godly husband, but there are also different challenges. Should a wife be concerned about "complementarianism" or "egalitarianism"? What does the Bible say?



#### **DEFINING THE DEBATE**

**Complementarianism** –The belief that a husband should be the spiritual head of his family, and that husband and wife will have different and complementary roles in their marriage.

**Egalitarianism** – The belief that there are no separate gender roles in marriage, and that husband and wife will lead the family collaboratively.

The Bible teaches "complementarianism." A Christian woman that loves the Lord should want to do that which pleases Him.

The Bible gives specific duties for the wife.

## III. THE ROLE OF THE WIFE IN GLORIFYING THE CREATOR

A. The Responsibility of the Aged Women, Titus 2:3

<u>Titus 2:3</u> directs the older women to have "...behaviour as becometh holiness..." in order to teach younger women about the role of a godly wife.

The behavior to glorify the Lord includes that which "...becometh holiness..."

- A good woman, with a sweet spirit, is needed in order to teach good things for the younger women to also have a sweet spirit.
- The "good things" are the focus for the younger women.

B. The Role of the Younger Women, Titus 2:4-5

Prov. 9:1 Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars:

Titus 2:4-5 gives us "seven pillars" regarding the role of the wife in glorifying the Creator.

- 1. The Pillar of Conscience "...to be sober..."
- The godly wife must have her doctrine right in order to have her mind right
- Know what you believe in order to be what you should be.
- The wife whose mind is focused upon God will always be at peace.

<u>Isa. 26:3</u> Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose* mind *is* stayed *on thee*: because he trusteth in thee.

- The beauty of a godly woman at peace with God radiates from the inside, out.
  - 2. The Pillar of Complementarity "...to love their husbands..."

Original Word: φίλανδρος

Transliteration: philandros

Definition: loving one's husband.

phílandros properly, the special affection of a woman for her life-time mate (husband), embracing him as her "calling" (stewardship) from God (used only in Titus 2:4). http://biblehub.com/greek/5362.htm

- Being a loving friend produces deeper fellowship and companionship, laying a foundation for a more enjoyable future.
- Some men are easier to love than they are to like.
- Wives are to work at developing a "friendship" interest in order to attract the attention of their husband.

Deep friendship is the foundational level of Dr. Gottman's Sound Relationship House Theory of happy couples. It is the root of commitment and trust. More importantly, it forms the basis for intimacy and satisfying sex. As he explains in *The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work*...

"It is this deep friendship that results in a higher percentage overall of marital satisfaction. In fact, the emotional connection that married couples share is said to be five times more important than their physical intimacy."

3. The Pillar of Compassion – "...to love their children..."

Original Word: φιλότεκνος

Transliteration: philoteknos

Definition: loving one's children.

http://biblehub.com/greek/5388.htm

- Godly mothers love their children beyond the natural instinct of nourishment.
- Godly mothers, who keep their emotional priorities correct, are the key to a happy home.
- Phileo love is a generous and affectionate love that seeks to make the other person happy with no expectation for the acts of kindness to be returned.

https://www.compellingtruth.org/phileo-love.html

- Godly mothers love their children enough to discipline them.
- Godly wives guide the children and complement the leadership of her husband.

This morning we return to consider the last four pillars, beginning with the pillar of conduct:

4. The Pillar of Conduct – "...discreet, chaste..."

"To be discreet"

Original Word: σώφρων Transliteration: sóphrón

Definition: of sound mind, self-controlled, temperate, sober-minded, modest, discreet.

sốphrōn (from sōos, "sound, safe" and phrến, "inner outlook" which regulates outward behavior) – properly, safe (sound) because moderated, referring to what is prudent because correctly (divinely) balanced (which is far more than being "the middle of the road")

sốphrōn ("acting in God's definition of balance") makes someone genuinely temperate, i.e. well-balanced from God's perspective. True balance is not "one-size-fits-all" nor is it blandly static. Biblical moderation (sốphrōn) describes "a man who does not command himself, but rather is commanded by God" (K. Wuest, Word Studies, 2, 46). This root (sōphro-, "soundness") then reflects living in God-defined balance. <a href="http://biblehub.com/greek/4998.htm">http://biblehub.com/greek/4998.htm</a>

#### discreet

- 1. Judicious in one's conduct or speech, especially with regard to respecting privacy or maintaining silence about something of a delicate nature; prudent; circumspect.
- 2. Showing prudence and circumspection; decorous: a discreet silence.
- 3. Modestly unobtrusive; unostentatious: <a href="http://www.dictionary.com/browse/discreet?s=t">http://www.dictionary.com/browse/discreet?s=t</a>
- A discreet wife keeps herself properly balanced while multi-tasking many things.
- A discreet wife has herself under control while everything else goes to pieces.

"chaste"

Original Word: ἁγνός

Transliteration: hagnos

Definition: (originally, in a condition prepared for worship), pure (either

ethically, or ritually, ceremonially), chaste.

hagnós (an adjective, which may be cognate with hágios, "holy") — properly, pure (to the core); virginal (chaste, unadultered); pure inside and out; holy because uncontaminated (undefiled from sin), i.e. without spoilation even within (even down to the center of one's being); not mixed with guilt or anything condemnable.

http://biblehub.com/greek/53.htm

1 Tim. 5:22 Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.

1 Jn. 3:3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

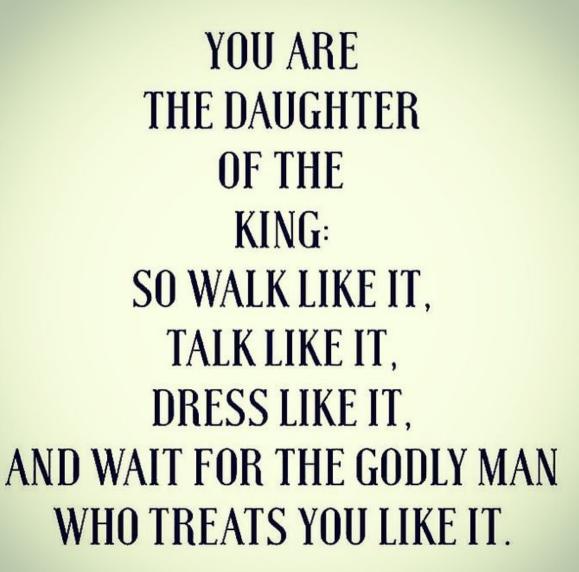
Sure, modesty has a price. You will not attract as many lustful people as you otherwise would. But it will probably attract someone who knows the difference between love and lust.

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https://www.pinterest.com/explore/christian-modesty-quotes/



http://quotesnew.com/2017/04/14/35-good-quotes-girls-smart-strong-can-anything/1000-quotes-for-girls-on-pinterest-inspirational-quotes-for-98347/

The chaste wife is described in Proverbs 31 – the Virtuous Woman!

Prov. 31:10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

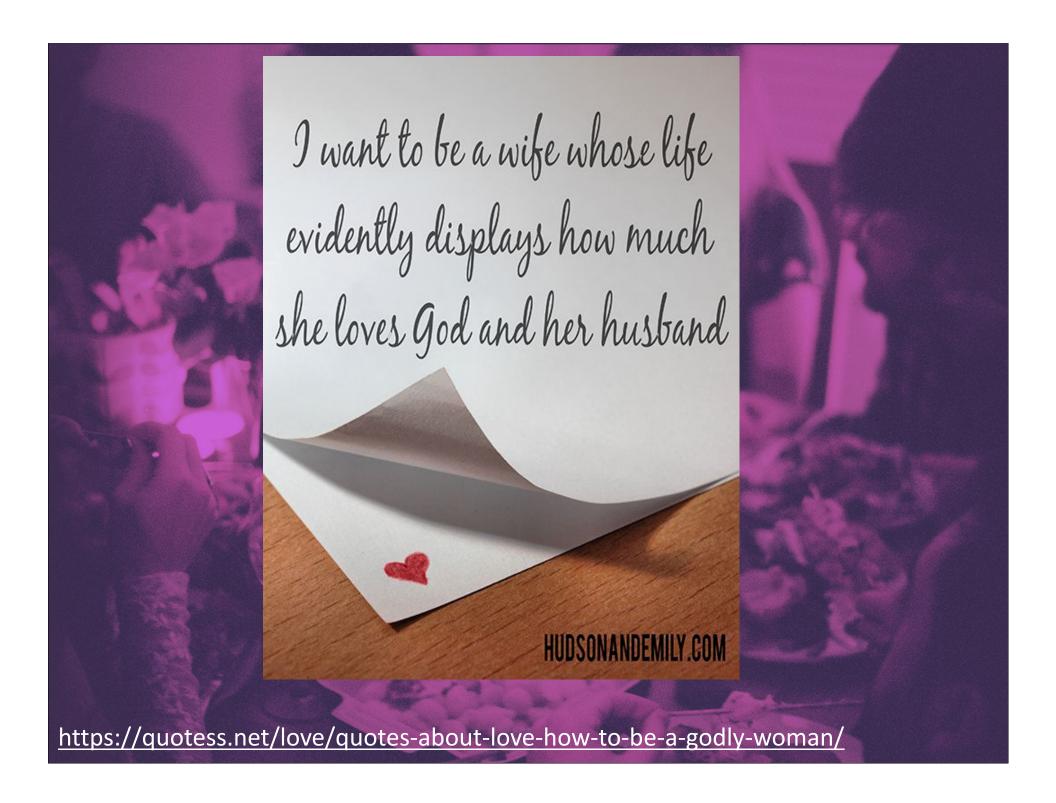
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- <u>1 Pet. 3:1</u> Likewise, ye wives, *be* in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;
- 2 While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.
- <u>3</u> Whose adorning let it not be that outward *adorning* of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;
- 4 But *let it be* 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.
- <u>5</u> For after this manner in the old time the **holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves**, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

## **Conclusion**

<u>Prov. 9:1</u> Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars:

- 1. The Pillar of Conscience "...to be sober..."
- 2. The Pillar of Complementarity "...to love their husbands..."
- 3. The Pillar of Compassion "...to love their children..."
- 4. The Pillar of Conduct "...discreet, chaste..."
- 5. The Pillar of Caretaking "...keepers at home..."
- 6. The Pillar of Character "...good..."
- 7. The Pillar of Compliance "...obedient to their own husbands..."



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PROVERBS 31:10

1 Tim. 5:14 I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

Titus 2:5b "...that the word of God be not blasphemed."

<u>Deut. 30:19</u> I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

20 That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey

his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

