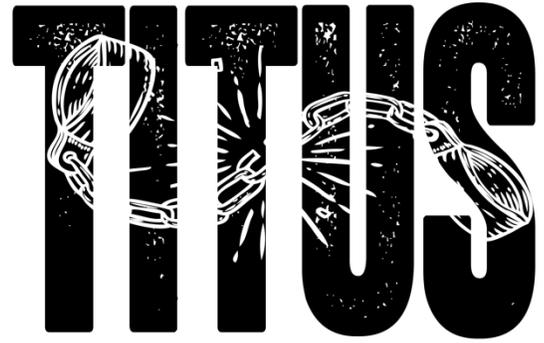


HUB NOTES

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The Prime of Life pt 2
Titus 2:3



- 1) List as many things as your HUB group can about why some older women end life spiritually productive and fruitful while others may not.
- 2) Is there anything in your life that you are concerned about that may keep you from living your last leg of life well?

Read Titus 2:3 in two different translations.

Holy/reverent (<i>hieroprepes</i>)	This is the only place in the New Testament where <i>hieroprepes</i> is used. The idea is that the behavior would be fitting for the temple. The older woman's life demonstrates who she belongs to and her life is reserved to worship the living God. The term, especially in the context of Titus, denotes an inward transformation that can be seen by others (e.g. Ignatius, To the Trallians 3.2). The good is seen!
Not slandering (<i>diabolos</i>)	It's the exact same term used of Satan in the Septuagint (the Greek Old Testament). Satan is diabolical because Satan is "the accuser" (1 Chr. 21:1, Job 1, Zech. 3:1). Revelation 12:10 says Satan accuses the brothers and sisters all day and all night. Satan does a good enough job accusing and slandering us; he doesn't need anyone's help. And He certainly doesn't need anyone's help from the family of God. Why do we slander others? Because we don't understand who we are in Jesus Christ. We feel insignificant or insecure or powerless, and for that moment when we are slandering someone we feel important or interesting or entitled.
Not slaves to excessive drinking (<i>doulos</i>)	Paul goes on to say to the older women - your last leg of life should not be characterized by enslavement to alcohol. Clearly they liked to party in Crete. The older men got the same warning. There were "liberated" Roman women at Cretan dinners and banquets and these women were linked to a loss of self-control that hurt the proclamation of the Gospel.
Teaching what is good (<i>kalodidaskalos</i>)	The older women's lives should be characterized not by slander or enslavement to alcohol, but instead should be characterized by teaching what is good.

- 3) Why do you think Paul focuses on these four traits?
- 4) Which one of these traits do you observe to be lacking the most in our older generation of women?
- 5) What specific ways can the younger generation invite the older generation into their lives? What are the challenges with this?

What specific ways can the older generation pursue the young generation? What are the challenges with this?