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- “But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine: 2 that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience; 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.”

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- “No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.” (Eleanor Roosevelt)
- “If you want something said, ask a man; if you want something done, ask a woman. Any woman who understands the problems of running a home will be nearer to understanding the problems of running a country.” (Margaret Thatcher)
- The Hand That Rocks The Cradle Is The Hand That Rules The World, by William Ross Wallace (1819-1881)

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- What do the scriptures actually teach?
  - Examples of godly, praiseworthy women who manifested Biblical descriptions of godly, praiseworthy women
  - Understanding what Paul wrote in the context of the rest of scripture

## Young Women As Inspirational Examples

- Hannah whose name means “gracious, merciful; he who gives” (Hitchcock)
- Her grace and patience in bearing with burdens and her fervent prayers were answered when God gave her a child, Samuel - 1Sam. 1:1-20
- Her willingness to give her son to the Lord, similar to Abraham offering Isaac - 1Sam. 1:21-28, 2:18-19

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- Her prayer of thanksgiving, similar to the song of Mary (Luke 1:46-55), and equal to any Psalm written by David or Solomon - 1Sam. 2:1-10
- She was later blessed with three more sons and two daughters as a reward for her patient burden bearing, similar to Job - 1Sam. 2:20-21

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- Esther an orphan girl raised by her uncle Mordecai - Esther 2:7
- She became wife of Ahasuerus, king of Persia, a rise to glory and power no less than that of the shepherd David - Esther 2:8-17
- She reluctantly risked her life to save the Jews from extinction; she faced a crisis of courage like the greatest of prophets, Elijah, and defied royal protocol like Jonathan did with king Saul - Esther 4:13-16

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- Mary, a young virgin, pregnant and about to give birth to the Lord; there is NO parallel among men - Luke 1:26-38; Mt 1:18-25
- She accepted by faith her Son's true origin and heritage, faith equal to that of any man in Hebrews 11 - Luke 2:48-51; Matt. 12:46-50

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- She followed her son to His crucifixion and never left His side, even in death; that is something the apostles were afraid to do - John 19:25; Matt. 26:56
- After Jesus ascension, Mary continued to work and worship with His apostles - Acts 1:13-14

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- Priscilla, wife of Aquila - Acts 18:1-3
- She was involved in teaching Apollos, a gifted preacher - Acts 18:26
- She was a co-worker with the apostle Paul, and risked her life to help him - Rom. 16:3-4
- She opened her home to host a local church, risking the loss of her house - Rom. 16:5; 1Cor. 16:19

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- Women worked as hard as the men alongside of Jesus and Paul
- Luke 8:3; Rom. 16:1-2; Phil. 4:2-3

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- “To love their husbands” (philandros - fond of man, affectionate as a wife - Strongs);
- “To love their children” (philoteknos - fond of children, maternal; love their own children - Strongs)
- This should come naturally, but habitual sin can lead one to become unloving - Rom. 1:31
- This is what older women teach them to do; the fact that it is a learned behavior makes loving husbands and children a conscious choice - Titus 2:4

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- Discreet (sophron - with a safe, sound mind, self-controlled, moderate in opinion and passion, sober, temperate - Strongs)
  - It is the same thing required of older men, translated as “temperate” - Titus 2:2
- Chaste (hagnos - clean, innocent, modest, chaste, pure - Strongs)
  - “Reserving their love for their own husbands and children, keeping herself and her home undefiled” (Gill)
  - This is the same conduct required of single women - 1Cor. 7:34

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- “Homemakers” (oikouros - [from ouros - a guard] a guardian or keeper of the home; attentive to domestic concerns - Barnes)
  - A virtuous woman is diligent to attend the needs of the family, but is not restricted to the house. She is capable of seeing to her role with her family and in conducting business outside of the house
  - Prov. 31:10-31

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- “Good” (agathos - “In respect to interaction with or influence on others: useful, beneficial, profitable - TCWD)
- “In subjection to their own husbands” (ASV)
  - Subjection (hupotasso - to be subordinate, subject to - Strongs)
  - It is Christian behavior - Eph. 5:21; 1Peter 5:5

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- Athaliah raised Ahaziah to be an evil idolater, to become a contributor to the fall of Israel
  - 2Chron. 22:2-4 - “Ahaziah was forty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Athaliah the granddaughter of Omri. 3 He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab, for his mother advised him to do wickedly. 4 Therefore he did evil in the sight of the LORD, like the house of Ahab; for they were his counselors after the death of his father, to his destruction.”

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- Lois and Eunice raised Timothy to be a preacher, a builder of the kingdom of God
  - 2Tim. 1:5 - “When I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.”
  - 2Tim. 3:14-15 - “But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus”

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- Young women, you hold a great deal of power. What will you do with it?