

Welcome to *Faith Bible Church!*

April 29, 2018

Order of Service:

Opening Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Invocation

Scripture Reading: Joshua 22:11-29

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Message: *Sober Minded Young Men* (Titus 2:6-8)

Announcements:

Sandy Stewart was able to have her intubation tube removed, and is receiving physical therapy and occupational therapy to regain her strength.

Deb Marcukaitis is recovering at home from her surgery to remove an ovarian tumor. No cancer was found.

Mike Gibb's memorial will be this afternoon at Good-Fellas, 11200 W. 129th Ave. (US 41) from 4:30-9:30 today.

Midweek Bible Study: Wednesday night at 7 with Assistant Pastor Steve Schwieger. Call him to confirm: 773-320-2139

Our offering box is located just left of the kitchen door.

Pick up today's cross reference sheet & silence your phone
Titus 2:3-5 *Advice for Aged Women*

When Paul told aged men to be sober, grave, temperate, and sound in faith, charity and patience, and then said that the aged women "likewise" should be "as becometh holiness," that means aged women should be holy by being all those things as well. When Paul wrote of the ancient Gentile world that "even their women" were sinful (Rom.1:31), that re-minds us that women are the guardians of decency in society.

But then Paul tells aged women to be holy in an area that's hard for them when he says they shouldn't be "false accusers." This is hard in that women tend to hurt with *words* (ITim.3:11) while men hurt with their *fists* (ITim.3:2,3). Paul adds they shouldn't be given to wine because wine tends to overcome a woman's inhibition *not* to slander others

The "good things" Paul wants aged women to teach younger women (v.4) include being *sober*. Coming right after being told not to be given to wine, this means *not drunk*. Women can be tempted to drink because they must also "love their husbands" (v.4), and some men aren't easy to love. Aged women must teach this *by their example*, and by the example of Christ, who loved the unlovable (Rom. 5:6,10). If a wife *doesn't* love her husband, she must realize that if love can be *taught* by aged women, love can be *learned* by young wives.

You wouldn't think that wives would need to be taught "to love their children" (2:4), for a mother *naturally* loves her children. But sin can make women "without natural affection" (Rom.1:31; IITim.3:3). So moms sometimes abuse or abandon their children, and need to be taught not to

Young wives must be taught to be "discreet" (2:5), which means wise in avoiding mistakes and accomplishing a purpose (cf.Gen.41:33)—the purpose of making a home for her husband and kids. They must also learn to be "chaste,"

pure from extramarital sexual contact. Young wives must also be “keepers at home” (2:5). Some say that means she shouldn’t have any kind of life outside the home, but zookeepers and barkeepers do, as do jailkeepers (Acts 16:27). They keep prisoners from escaping, and so must the mothers of young children! Keepers of sheep (Gen.4:2) feed and care for them, as moms do their kids. Doorkeepers (Ps.84:10) must keep more than the door to the house, but also the door of their kids’ mouths (Ps.141:3) by watching what they say. Doorkeepers in the temple also kept false religions out (IIKi.23:4), and moms must keep false teachers from creeping into the house (cf.IITim.3:6). Kids might not seem to be paying attention, but they learn little by little by repetition (Isa.28:10,11). Moms also have to be the “keeper of the wardrobe” (IIKi.22:14), in charge of laundry.

Mothers can also be doorkeepers that are involved in the family finances (cf.IIChron.34:9,10). The virtuous woman did (Pr.31:16-24), as did Lydia (Acts 16:14). These women were involved in *earning* finances as well as managing them.

Some Christians believe wives can work outside the home before they have kids, or after the kids are grown. Some believe they can operate home businesses. But if it is your understanding that wives shouldn’t work outside the home, just don’t judge those who hold other convictions (Rom.14:4,5). Whatever your position, God is on your side!

Young wives must also learn “to be obedient to their own husbands.” Are there exceptions to this rule? Well, are there exceptions to the rule that all believers must obey the government? (Dan.3:8-18; Acts 5:29). In the same way, if a wife’s husband asks her to cheat on their income taxes, she can refuse to sign the return. Do wives have to obey when he wishes to be intimate and she doesn’t? It’s easy for a husband to read I Corinthians 7:4 and say to his wife, “I have power over your body so I can do as I please with it.” But he’s forgetting his wife has power over *his* body and so he *can’t* do as he pleases with it.

If wives *don’t* do all these things, the Word of God will be “blasphemed” (2:5). When the queen refused to obey the king in Persia, his advisors told him that such disobedience would spread (Esther 1:17,18). That’s what happened in our society. Back in the ‘60s, wives refused to obey their husbands on TV, and those actors and actresses were the kings and queens of our society. Their influence reached even into Christian homes. *Don’t let it reach yours.*

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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Thornton Harrison, Dave Stewart

Morning Service: 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Ricky Kurth

Junior Church: 10:45 a.m.

Myrtle Harrison

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

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