



Making Sense of Motherhood

In a Post-Christian Culture

Titus 2:3-5

Why Teach on Making Sense of Motherhood Today?

- Because it is **culturally RELEVANT** since it's Mother's Day!
- Because it is **practically NEEDED** in light of the moral confusion of a post-Christian culture.
- Because it is **biblically COMMANDED** in Titus 2:1, 3-5, 15.

This Is Where the Authority to Teach on the Role of Motherhood Comes from in a Post-Christian Culture!

Not from personal experience or expertise and not from cultural norms or man-made traditions.

Four Truths for Making Sense of Motherhood

1. MOMS...Learn to EMBRACE Your Role from God's Perspective!

"Teaching what is good" (2:3; see also Titus 1:16; 2:7, 14; 3:1, 5, 8, 14; 1Timothy 2:10; 5:10)

From God's Perspective...

- Motherhood is **HARD** work.
 - 1) Being **consistent** in living out sound doctrine on a daily basis as a mom. (1:16; 2:1)
 - 2) Being **an example** of godly living for your family. (2:7)
 - 3) Being **zealous** to fulfill your role and goals as a mother. (2:14)
 - 4) Being **prepared** to do whatever being a mom takes or calls for with a surrendered heart. (3:1)
 - 5) Being **thankful** knowing that God works in and through you as a mom by Christ and His Spirit. (3:5)
 - 6) Being **intentional** in fulfilling your role as a mom in a way that is good and profitable for your family, church, community, and culture. (3:8)
 - 7) Being **teachable** to learn how to do motherhood in a way that meets urgent needs and bears fruit that remains for all eternity. (3:14)

- Motherhood is a **GOOD** work.
 - 1) One that is **consistent with what God requires** – (1:16)
 - 2) One that **involves everything you are as a wife and mother** – (2:7)
 - 3) One that **does not rebel against God's law but is zealous to do what Jesus saved us to be and do** - (2:14)
 - 4) One that is **fully prepared to submit to all God-given authorities**- (3:1)
 - 5) One that is **done in the power of the Spirit and not our own flesh** - (3:5)
 - 6) One that is **very intentional about doing what will profit others** - (3:8)
 - 7) One that **bears fruit by meeting pressing needs** – (3:14)
 - 8) One that explains **how godly women make themselves beautiful in God's estimation** – (1Timothy 2:10)
 - 9) One that **a woman devotes herself to if she wants to leave a legacy of godliness** – (1Timothy 5:10)

- Motherhood is a **SOBER/SENSIBLE** work.

"so that they may encourage the young women" (2:4) "and so train the young women" ESV

To Make Sense of Motherhood Become...

- 1) A woman of **FAITH**.
- 2) A woman of **HOPE**.
- 3) A woman of **LOVE**.

2. MOMS...Learn to EVALUATE Your Role in Light of God's Priorities!

- LOVE your husband and children! *"train them...to love their husbands, to love their children" (2:4)*
 - 1) The best thing a mother can do for her family at all times is BE DEVOTED TO YOUR GOD (See 2:10)!
 - 2) The next best thing a mother can do for her children at all ages is BE DEVOTED TO YOUR HUSBAND!
 - 3) The last best thing a mother can do for her children at all ages is BE DEVOTED TO YOUR THEM!

Yes, But How?

- 1) Be there FOR them: Make time to MEET their needs with good works!
 - 2) Be there WITH them: Make time to KNOW their needs!
 - **Be ready** for every good deed with a surrendered heart (3:1)
 - **Be intentional** to engage in good deeds that useful and profitable (3:8)
 - **Be teachable** to learn how to engage in good deeds that meet pressing needs and bear fruit that remains (3:14)!
- LIVE a godly life! *"train them...to be sensible/sober and pure" (2:5)*

Develop What It Takes to Stay Devoted to Your Family
Spiritual STABILITY and Moral PURITY!

Yes, But Why?

- 1) You were BORN AND RAISED to be a godly woman by the Grace from God the Father who is Jesus Christ!
 - 2) Your DAUGHTER needs to know what a godly woman looks like, lives like, and loves like, so she will become one!
 - 3) Your SON needs to know what a godly woman looks like, lives like, and loves like, so he will become one in marriage with one!
- LABOR to transform your house into a home! *"workers at home, kind/good, subject to their own husbands" (2:5)*
 - 1) Be a good WORKER in your own home! *1Timothy 5:14, 3:4-5*
 - 2) Be a good FOLLOWER of your own husband!

3. MOMS...Learn to EXPERIENCE Your Role for God's Purpose!

"so that the word of God will not be dishonored." (2:5)

"Therefore, I want younger widows to get married, bear children, keep house, and give the enemy no occasion for reproach" (1Timothy 5:14)

"But as for you, speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine." (Titus 2:1)

Show our post-Christian culture that God's message MAKES A DIFFERENCE in our lives and homes!

4. MOMS...Learn to ENGAGE Your Role with God's Power!

"This is a trustworthy statement; and concerning these things I want you to speak confidently, so that those who have believed God will be careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and profitable for men." Titus 3:8

"Our people must also learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs, so that they will not be unfruitful." Titus 3:14

- Let God's WORD tell you *what* your role is! *(Titus 2:1)*
 - Let God's WOMEN train you in *how* to fulfill it! *(Titus 2:3-5)*
 - Let God's GRACE teach you *why* you should fulfill it! *(Titus 2:11-15)*
 - Let God's SPIRIT transform you, so you are **empowered** to fulfill it! *(Titus 3:5-7)*