

# **Ladies Bible Class**

*“Older Women Admonish the Young Women”*

**Titus 2:3-5**

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Welcome to this series of Bible studies designed for women. It is derived from the passage in Titus 2:3-5: *“the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things - that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.”* Sometimes we fall short of Paul’s instruction given to Titus. It is our hope to help women of all ages in this area.

Please take your Bible and study to become the mature Christian God would have you to be. As you study, make notes of any questions or comments you may have and bring them to class.

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### **A Suggestion As To The Use Of This Material:**

1. It is designed for women's Bible classes.
2. It may be used in a home setting as well as in a class study for women on Sunday or Wednesday.
3. Older seasoned women who are Christians would do well to study this material in preparing to teach the younger women (2 Timothy 2:2).

## Be Reverent in Behavior

### Introduction

1. Our text for this lesson is Titus 2:3. Paul instructs Titus, in verse one, “...speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine...” In this instruction to older women, Paul begins with their behavior. Our behavior is a reflection of what is in our heart. Proper behavior is developed over a period of time.
2. The purpose of this lesson is to learn all we can about reverent behavior and then “...be reverent in behavior...” You will learn “...how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God...” (1 Tim. 3:15).

### Discussion

#### I. What Is Reverent In Behavior?

- A. The *King James Version* uses the word “holiness.” In defining this behavior, it is a proper behavior or conduct. It is a behavior that shows great respect, not only to God but also to others and to self. We might think of a woman with this characteristic being devout, submissive, worshipful, faithful, God-fearing, pure, spiritual, righteous, or virtuous. Holiness denotes suited to a sacred character. We must be set apart for spiritual service (2 Cor. 6:17).
- B. To better understand holiness, let’s study further to see what the Bible says about it and proper behavior.

#### II. Some The Bible Calls Holy

- A. **God is holy.** Hanna said, “No one is holy like the Lord...” (1 Sam. 2:2). Even the men of Beth Shemesh said, in 1 Samuel 6:20, “...Who is able to stand before this holy Lord God...” Read Psalm 111:9 and see what is said about God. As Peter writes to the pilgrims or strangers that were scattered, he tells them, “be holy, for I am \_\_\_\_\_” (1 Pet. 1:13-16). Jesus called God “\_\_\_\_\_” (Jn. 17:11). There are other Scriptures that speak of God’s holiness (Ps. 22:3; 99:3, 5, 9; Is. 5:16).
- B. **Jesus is holy.** Notice what the angel called the Son of God, in Luke 1:35. What was Jesus called in Acts 4:27? \_\_\_\_\_
- C. **The Spirit is called the Holy Spirit.** We could list many Scriptures that mention the Holy Spirit. Can you list a few? \_\_\_\_\_
- D. **The angels are called holy.** Read Mark 8:38 and Luke 9:26.
- E. **The prophets were holy.** What did Zacharias and Peter call the prophets? \_\_\_\_\_ (Lk. 1:70; Acts 3:21).
- F. **John was holy.** In Mark 6:20, why did Herod fear John? \_\_\_\_\_

- G. **The apostles were holy.** How did Paul describe the apostles in Ephesians 3:5?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ How did holy men of God speak?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Pet. 1:21).
- H. **Brethren are to be holy.** Describe the brethren in 1 Thessalonians 5:27 and Hebrews 3:1. \_\_\_\_\_
- I. **Women were holy.** Describe these holy women in 1 Peter 3:5-6. \_\_\_\_\_

### III. **Be Reverent Or Holy In Behavior**

- A. **It is a command.** Read 1 Peter 1:13-16. To what extent are we to be holy? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Notice, in this text, what is involved in holy living. See also Ephesians 1:4.
- B. **It is our reasonable service.** Read Romans 12:1-2. What does Paul write in verse two that helps us to see how to be holy? \_\_\_\_\_  
 See also Ephesians 5:27. Note what is said about being holy. \_\_\_\_\_
- C. **We must perfect holiness in the fear of God.** What do we do to perfect holiness? \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Cor. 7:1).
- D. **We must put off the old man and put on the new man.** Please read Ephesians 4:17-24. How do we put on the new man? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Read verses 25-32. Notice the “do’s” and “don’ts” of the new man. \_\_\_\_\_
- E. **The elect of God are holy.** From Colossians 3:12-17, list the things Paul told the elect of God to put on. \_\_\_\_\_
- F. **Elders, deacons, and their wives must be holy.** One of the qualifications of elders, deacons, and their wives is that they be holy or reverent. Read 1 Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:5-9.
- G. **As the temple of God, we must be holy.** Read 1 Corinthians 6:18-20 and 2 Corinthians 6:11-18. Discuss some things that could cause us to become defiled.  
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### IV. **Am I Reverent In My Behavior?**

- A. **What does the Bible tell us about behavior?**
1. We must behave wisely (1 Sam. 18:5, 14-15, 30; Ps. 101:2).
  2. Our behavior is something we can change (1 Sam. 21:13).
  3. We must have a strong behavior for God’s people (1 Chr. 19:13).
  4. Some behave evil in their deeds (Micah 3:4).
  5. Love does not behave rudely (1 Cor. 13:4-8).
  6. We must have blameless behavior (1 Th. 2:10-12). Elders must be blameless and of good behavior (1 Tim. 3:2).

7. We must not behave disorderly (2 Th. 3:7).
- B. Some questions to ask ourselves about our behavior.**
1. Am I reverent in behavior toward others? Discuss behavior towards parents, grandparents, husbands, in-laws, children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, fellow workers, class mates, brothers and sisters in Christ, etc.
  2. Am I reverent in behavior in the worship services? Do I worship God in spirit and in truth?
  3. Am I reverent in behavior in the places I go? Do I go to places where I can be reverent in my behavior?
  4. Am I reverent in behavior in the things I do daily? How is my daily conduct? How is my conduct as a citizen?
  5. Am I reverent in behavior in the things I see and hear?
  6. Am I reverent in behavior in how I dress? (1 Tim. 2:9-10).

### Conclusion

1. We have learned from this lesson that we must "...be reverent in behavior...", what being reverent is, and how we are to live our lives "...perfecting holiness..." It is a must for older women, as well as others to have these characteristics. We need to be setting a good example for the younger women. As well, younger women can set a good example in this area. As mothers, we need to be sure we are teaching our children to be reverent in behavior.
2. We need to ask ourselves, "Am I suited to a sacred character?" We all need to perfect holiness in our lives. Paul instructed Titus to teach older women concerning their behavior. Let's do all we can to "...put on the new man in true righteousness and holiness..." that we might be "...presented holy and without blemish..."