

TITUS 2:1 But as for you, communicate the behavior that goes with sound teaching. **2** Older men are to be temperate, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in endurance. **3 Older women likewise are to exhibit behavior fitting for those who are holy, not slandering, not slaves to excessive drinking, but teaching what is good. 4 In this way they will train the younger women to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 to be self-controlled, pure, fulfilling their duties at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the message of God may not be discredited. 6** Encourage younger men likewise to be self-controlled, **7** showing yourself to be an example of good works in every way. In your teaching show integrity, dignity, **8** and a sound message that cannot be criticized, so that any opponent will be at a loss, because he has nothing evil to say about us. **9** Slaves are to be subject to their own masters in everything, to do what is wanted and not talk back, **10** not pilfering, but showing all good faith, in order to bring credit to the teaching of God our Savior in everything.

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all people. **12** It trains us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, **13** as we wait for the happy fulfillment of our hope in the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. **14** He gave himself for us to set us free from every kind of lawlessness and to purify for himself a people who are truly his, who are eager to do good. **15** So communicate these things with the sort of exhortation or rebuke that carries full authority. Don't let anyone look down on you. *net*



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Mother's Day

Titus 2:3-5

The Godly Mother's Manifesto

Encourage younger women to be obsessed with faith in Jesus.

Let the 'older' in faith teach the younger, IF...

MISSION: Training purpose is to validate Jesus' message

"...that the message of God be not discredited"

METHOD: Practice Being Different, as Jesus is different

"...behavior fitting for those who are holy"

MOTIVE: Motivate To Sacrificially Live for Family as Jesus

"...to love their husbands, to love their children"

Not by malicious gossiping (διαβόλους)

Not by self medicating or running away from God

MEANS: The "good" curriculum to be taught

1. Self control vs sentimentally controlled
2. Single focus "pure" vs scattered busyness
3. Supremely domestic vs chasing other interests
4. Spirit of kindness vs abrasiveness
5. Servant minded vs bossy or lordly

May God supply to Beulah older women who qualify to train younger women how to live for Jesus in this fallen world. Amen.

Anyone Seen Ruby?

Virtuous women are hard to find and their price is far above rubies. Did you know that rubies are one of the most difficult gems to find? They are one of the hardest gems as well, so they don't break easily as do the lesser gems. Virtuous women don't break easily either. Their hope is in the LORD and in His strength. They are steadfast in their faith and in their commitment to their husband. They don't allow their emotions and feelings to control their lives. They hide God's Word deep in their hearts so they know Truth and aren't swayed by the false teachings of their day.

Rubies are also known for their durability. Virtuous women withstand hard times because they are grounded upon the Rock of their salvation. When the storms of life come, their faith grows stronger. They don't grumble and complain through the storms, because they understand that storms come into everyone's life and God uses the storms to mold them into His image.

Rubies are known for their luster. Virtuous women shine the light of Jesus and are full of joy because the joy of the LORD is their strength. They choose to be cheerful and make their family's life better by building up their home and not tearing it down. They stand out in a crowd because of their smile, warmth, and friendliness. People are drawn to them because of their kindness and generosity.

Rubies are known for their rarity. They are hard to find and are therefore more valuable than even diamonds which sets them apart from other gems. Virtuous women are rare. They don't care about the ways of the world. They only want to please the Lord and do what He has commanded them to do. They learn to please their husbands and love to serve them. They sacrifice their goals and dreams to spend their lives raising godly offspring because they know this is what has eternal value.

- Lori Alexander

Yes, rubies and virtuous women are hard to find. Are you one? Proverbs 31:10 - 31

