encouraging someone younger than me? Why or why not? How can we pray for one another this week?



Quotes to Ponder

How beautifully can an aged Christian woman, by her kindly example, be a teacher of good things! There is no more charming sight under heaven, I think, than that of an elderly Christian lady whose words and whose whole life are such as becomes the gospel of Christ.

Charles Spurgeon

Those persons who cannot control their tongues in speaking lies, false accusations, and spreading malicious gossip (whether true or untrue) do the work of Satan himself. They cannot be slanderers and serve God. Thomas D. Lea

Where are the godly older women who are to teach young mothers how to manage their children and homes? Where are the women of Titus 2? Elizabeth Elliot

> May all who come behind us find us faithful. May the fire of our devotion light their way. May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe. And the lives we live inspire them to obey.

Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful.

Steve Green

Deprived of meaningful work, men and women lose their reason for existence; they go stark, raving mad. Fyodor Dostoevsky

Earth has nothing more tender than a woman's heart when it is the abode of piety.

Martin Luther

One of the challenges I repeatedly hold out to the people of our church especially the women—is that they make it one of their aims to age into a sage. I love the vision of older women full of seasoned spiritual fruit that comes only with long life and much affliction and deep meditation on the Word of God. So many younger women yearn for older women, who are deeply wise, to share the wisdom God has taught them over the years. John Piper

1. Reverent in Behavior

2. Not Malicious Gossips

3. Not Enslaved to Wine

4. Teaching What is Good

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- 1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?
- 2. Read *Titus 2:1-4.* How are traits Paul gives for older men and women similar? How are they different?
- 3. Why does *Titus 2:3* start with the word *likewise*?
- 4. Why are older Christian women to live this way (Titus 2:4)?
- 5. What does it mean to be reverent in ... behavior (Titus 2:3)?
- 6. What do these verses teach about *gossip* and our speech? *Exodus 23:1* — *Ephesians 4:29* —
 - Leviticus 19:16 1 Timothy 3:11 —
 - Proverbs 11:13 1 Timothy 5:13 —
- 7. What do these verses teach about wine? *Proverbs 20:1* — *Ephesians 5:18* —
 - Romans 13:13-14 1 Timothy 3:8 —

- 8. How do you think the distinction between *older* and *younger* women might have been made at the time this letter was written?
- 9. Why is it important that older women teach and encourage younger women?
- 10. As older Christian women possess these qualities and are actively involved in teaching and encouraging the younger women in these areas, what difference does it make?
- 11. What do the following verses say about setting a good example/ discipleship/mentoring? *Proverbs* 13:20 — 1 *Timothy* 4:12 —
 - Proverbs 27:17 —

- 2 Timothy 2:1-2 —
- 1 Corinthians 11:1 —
- Hebrews 10:24-25 —
- 2 Thessalonians 3:9 1 Peter 2:21
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- 12. Read *Deuteronomy 6:1-9*. What is God's plan for passing on His truths from one generation to another? Would this apply outside of the immediate family?
- **Reflection Questions:** What can I do to ensure that sin doesn't disqualify me from an effective ministry in my latter years? Am I currently being taught and encouraged by someone older than me? Teaching and