

Godly Motherhood: The Importance of Passing It On

“...**Teach the older men** to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance. Likewise, **teach the older women** to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. **Then they can train the younger women** to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.” Titus 2:1-5

I. Introduction

“A righteous person is one who lives for the next generation.”---Dietrich Bonhoeffer

II. Examining Paul’s Two Key Observations

1. How you live _____

Key thoughts: Older women—you are not marginalized, you are not “*yesterday’s news*,” and you are not insignificant to the Kingdom of God and its continued strategic impact on the earth. Without you, there is no one to pass on critical wisdom and insights to the next generation!

Be devoted to continued growth, and remain _____ (*no one knows it all!*)

*“Jesus said, “Then you see how every student well-trained in God’s kingdom is like a homeowner. **He brings both new and old things out of his treasure chest.**” Matthew 13:52 (MSG)*

Watch your _____

“Keep a close watch on how you live and on your teaching. Keep on doing these things, because if you do, you will save both yourself and those who hear you.” I Timothy 4:16

Stay _____—never grow dull or dusty in your spiritual walk

“I thought, ‘Age should speak; advanced years should teach wisdom.” Job 32:7

*“And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, **your old men (and women) will dream dreams**, your young men will see visions.” Joel 2:28*

Always practice self-control _____

“Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from telling lies.” Psalm 34:13

“When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who learns to hold his tongue is wise.” Prov. 10:19

Beware of the potentially damaging effects of any _____

*“Avoid every kind of evil---**AND** even any appearance of evil.” I Thessalonians 5:2*

*“The right thing to do is to keep from eating meat, drinking wine, or **doing anything else that will make other believers to spiritually stumble or fall.**” Romans 14:21 (TEV)*

No matter what, ***NEVER*** take your guiding _____ from this world
“God’s divine power (and His Word) has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.” II Peter 1:3

“Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path.” Psalm 119:105 (GW)

2. _____ you pass God’s truth to _____.

“I’ve been reminded of your sincere faith which first lived in your grandmother Lois and then in your mother Eunice and I’m persuaded now lives in you also.” II Timothy 1:5

III. Three Potential Models for Passing It On

- Open your _____
- Open your _____
- Open your _____

IV. Practical Instructions for Making the Connections

1. If you’re younger---reach out. If you’re older---reach back!
2. Be proactive, not reactive (or don’t complain!)
3. You must both choose to make yourselves available
4. Never make it too *“heavy or intense”*---have fun
5. Be intentional about *“mentorship”* in all of its forms
6. Choose multiple connections---each fitting the changing seasons of your life
7. Bear the fruit deserving of followership
8. Choose the model of mentorship that fits you---and your “mentor” best
9. Get involved in a small group that may add value to you in this context
10. Remember, without mentorship, you’ll be relegated to learning everything the “hard way”
11. Mothers of younger daughters---never forget that **YOU CANNOT IMPART WHAT YOU DON’T HAVE!**

So today, ladies, this YOUNGER GENERATION may just be asking you this question: “Would you be willing to invest in us, spend time with us, and teach us how to be godly women? We can learn from you. We don’t want you to be perfect or need you to be perfect. We can learn from your mistakes as well as your successes. We just want you to love us and teach us about life. We don’t always act and talk like we need you in our lives but we really do. So be on the lookout for us, initiate a conversation, invite us to lunch – we’ll go, (*especially if you’re paying!*). You may be the only godly and functional influence that some of us will EVER get to see up close and spend time with. You can make a huge impact on our world, one young woman at a time. Thank you.” Sincerely, GOD’S NEXT GENERATIONS HERE AT VICTORY CHURCH

ENJOY A HAPPY AND BLESSED MOTHER’S DAY!

Answer Key:

II. Examining Paul's Two Key Observations

1. matters

- o Teachable
- o Home and testimony
- o Active in serving God
- o With your tongue
- o Inappropriate behavior
- o Principles and values

2. Who-----matters most

III. Three Potential Models for Passing It On

- o Bible
- o Home
- o Calendar