

I met Paul. Steve, and Tom when they were each about 14 years old--just a trio of guys who weren't interested in much except basketball. As their coach and English teacher, I taught them what I could about those two things--and about how to live the Christian life.

We all have opportunities like that. Even if we are not teachers by occupation, we all influence younger people. We can strive to be a good example, to encourage, to motivate, to teach, to influence for godliness.

Scripture suggests how important this is. The apostle Paul took the youthful John Mark with him on his missionary journey (Acts 12:25). And Titus 2:4 calls for older women to teach "young women to love their husbands."

If we want to transfer our legacy of faith to the next generation, we must take it upon ourselves to instruct the young people in our lives--one person at a time.

Today, many years after we met, Paul, Steve, and Tom are all married and living for the Lord, passing their faith along to a new generation--including their own 12 children. What a thrill to have had a part in guiding their lives!

Look around. There are young people you can help. Reach out and teach them how to live for the Lord. --JDB

> Putting It Into Practice *Do you know a young person you can influence?* How can you encourage him or her to live for God and to share the gospel with others? Are our older women teaching our younger women?

When we teach young people, we're not just spending time, we're investing it.



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Church Restoration What Am I to Be? (II)

In Titus 2 Paul describes 6 different roles: (only the third today) 1. Older men, verses 1-2, 2. Older women, verses 3-4 [last time]

3. Younger women, verses 1-5, 15 Paul teaches, in Titus 2:4-5 that there are four goals for young women:

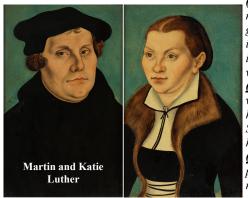
_____, verses 2-4 **#1.** (Ephesians 5:25) Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her.

(Proverbs 13:24) He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him promptly.

(1 Timothy 5:13) And besides they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house, and not only idle but also gossips and busybodies. saying things which they ought not.

#2. , verse 5

(1 Timothy 2:9) in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing,



(1 Peter 3:3-4) Do not let vour adornment be *merely outward—arranging the hair, wearing* gold, or putting on fine apparel— [4] rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. (Proverbs 31:10-12) Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies. [11] The heart of her husband safely trusts her; ... [12] She does him good and not evil All the days of her life.

(Proverbs 31:20) She extends her hand to the poor. Yes, she reaches out her hands to the needv.

#3._____, verse 5

(Proverbs 31:13-19) She seeks wool and flax, And willingly works with her hands. [14.. She brings her food from afar. [15] She also rises while it is yet night, And provides food for her household, ... [16] She considers a field and buys it; From her profits she plants a vinevard. [17] She girds herself with strength, ... [18] She perceives that her merchandise is good, And her lamp does not go out by night. [19] She stretches out her hands to the distaff, And her hand holds the spindle.

(Proverbs 31:24) She makes linen garments and sells them, ...



(Proverbs 31:27-28) She watches over the wavs of her household, And does not eat the bread of idleness. [28] Her children rise up and call her blessed: Her husband also. and he praises her:

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#4. To exercise_____, verses 5, 15 (*Luke 2:51*) Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, ... (Luke 10:17) Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."

(Ephesians 5:22) Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

(Ephesians 5:24) Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

(1 Peter 3:1) Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives.



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