

Today there are many marvelous communication and publication avenues that can help an older woman teach a younger woman these important things:

1. She may share her own home with younger women by extending hospitality to them in order to share with them how to have a stable marriage, how to lovingly and effectively raise their children, and how to keep the home.
2. She may use the telephone or email to teach lessons on marriage, children and homemaking.
3. She may have a daily weblog or website as a teaching tool, or teach classes during the week.
4. She may publish a newsletter to distribute to the younger women, and she may write letters.

Daughters may learn from their mothers at home. There are many other young women who need this training, and so the older women are very much needed in the church to teach the important lessons of Titus chapter 2. How does this help the church? Older women will teach younger women to encourage their husbands and children to become strong members of the Lord's church and carry out His commission.

Ladies Bible Studies
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Older Women
in the Church

Looking into the Word of God to Discover
How the Older Women Can Be

Helpers in the Lord's Church.

In the Lord's church, we are obligated to find our answers in the Word of God, and not depend on the trends of the prevailing culture. To find out what the role of older women is, all we need to do is read and practice what is written in Titus 2, verses 1-5:

1 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:

2 That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.

3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

These verses lay out things that the churches of Christ need from older women. These needs will always be with us from generation to generation.

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Older women who have been wives, mothers and homemakers for many years will have a wealth of information and insight to share with the younger women, but first, they must be good examples.

Verses 1, 2 and 3 mention *sound doctrine, soberness (serious attitude), patience, teachers of good things.*

Verse 5 says the older women are to teach the younger women to be "*keepers at home.*" Older women must teach the younger women in several ways: 1. By showing them the scriptures, 2. By their own life example, and 3. By telling them how to love their husband, love their children, and keep house.

If an older woman teaches the younger women to be keepers at home, she must also be a keeper at home. It is hard to serve two masters. If a woman works outside the home, she may find it difficult and tiring to keep her own home and to pass on her knowledge of home keeping to younger women. In order to teach "good things" an older woman must also live them, and be a good example.