

Titus 2:3-5 Suggested Resources

The book list below is incomplete, and many others could be added. (Please note, I don't necessarily agree with every author listed below doctrinally).

My Top Five Favorites:

1. *Feminine Appeal* by Carolyn Mahaney
2. *Becoming a Titus 2 Woman* by Martha Peace
3. *Spiritual Mothering* by Susan Hunt
4. *Adorned* by Nancy Demoss Wolgemuth
5. *A Mother's Heart* by Jean Fleming

Books

Clarkson, Sally

- *The Lifegiving Home: Creating a Place of Belonging and Becoming*. Sally and Sarah Clarkson. Tyndale House. 2016. Every day of your family's life can be as special and important to you as it already is to God. In this unique book designed to help your family enjoy and celebrate every month of the year together, you'll discover the secrets of a life-giving home from a mother who created one and her daughter who was raised in it: popular authors Sally and Sarah Clarkson. Together they offer a rich treasure of wise advice, spiritual principles, and practical suggestions. (Don't miss the companion piece, *The Lifegiving Home Experience*.)
- *The Lifegiving Parent: Giving Your Child a Life Worth Living for Christ*. Clay and Sally Clarkson. Tyndale. 2018. In *The Lifegiving Parent*, respected authors and parents Clay and Sally Clarkson explore eight key principles to shed light on what it means to create a home where your children will experience the living God in your family. Now parents of four grown children – each with their own unique personality and gifts – Sally and Clay have learned (sometimes the hard way!) that the key to shaping a heart begins at home as you foster a deep and thoughtful God-infused relationship with each child. Filled with biblical insight and classic Clarkson stories, *The Lifegiving Parent* will equip you with the tools and wisdom you need to give your children much more than just a good Christian life. You'll give them the life of Christ.
- *The Ministry of Motherhood: Following Christ's Example in Reaching the Hearts of Our Children*. Sally Clarkson. Random House, Inc. 2004. Making sandwiches, washing dishes, sorting laundry...sometimes the job of motherhood overshadows our calling---to spiritually nurture our children! Learn to make life's nitty-gritty moments work for you as you incorporate character-building as a natural part of life; disciple your kids; and cultivate crucial gifts like purpose, prayer, and perseverance.
- *The Mission of Motherhood*. Sally Clarkson. Random House, Inc. 2003. Wiping runny noses, comforting a sick child, or getting the kids dressed for school may not feel like chores with eternal outcomes. But your God-given purpose is to nurture your children and influence their destinies. Affirming your important role in God's plan, Clarkson offers solid biblical teaching that's a real mom-encourager and joy-restorer.

Dillow, Linda

- *Creative Counterpart: Becoming the Woman, Wife, and Mother You've Longed to Be*. Classic. HarperChristian Resources. 2003. Scripture says a good wife is trustworthy, industrious, faithful, charitable, wise, kind...much more than just a helper! In this biblical and entertaining bestseller, Dillow shows you how to grow in all the areas of your chosen vocation as a partner and parent.

Elliot, Elisabeth

- *Let Me Be a Woman*. Tyndale. 1999. "In order to learn what it means to be a woman, we must start with the One who made her." Working from Scripture, well-known speaker and author Elisabeth Elliot shares her observations and experiences in a number of essays on what it means to be a Christian woman, whether single, married, or widowed.
- *Passion and Purity, Learning to Bring Your Love Life Under Christ's Control*, Second Edition, Elisabeth Elliot. Revell. 2013. In her classic book, *Passion and Purity*, Elisabeth Elliot candidly shares with you her love story with Jim Elliot as evidence that she has been there. Through letters, diary entries, and memories, she shares the temptations, difficulties, victories, and sacrifices of two young people whose commitment to Christ took priority over their love for each other. These revealing personal glimpses, combined with relevant biblical teaching, will remind you that only by putting your human passion and desire through His fire can God purify your love.
- *Quest for Love: True Stories of Passion and Purity - Updated Edition*. Elisabeth Elliot. Baker Books. 2013. In this book, she responds to readers' questions with sound, biblical guidance, dusting off "antiquated" concepts such as commitment, integrity, honor, and servanthood, and showing how they still apply to dating and singleness today. Intertwined are hopeful true stories of discovering love through God's direction.

Ennis, Pat, Dorothy Kelley Patterson

- *The Christian Homemaker's Handbook*. Crossway. 2013. From gleaning ideas from TV home-improvement shows to pinning recipes on Pinterest, the art of homemaking is reclaiming its place in our society. Here is your ultimate guide! Offering biblical insights and real-life illustrations, Ennis and Patterson's comprehensive volume features practical tips on interior design, budgeting, meal planning, sewing, and more.

Fleming, Jean

- *A Mother's Heart: A Look at Values, Vision, and Character for the Christian Mother*. Revised edition. NavPress. 1996. Being a mother is an important job, but one that can easily feel frustrating and unrewarding. Fleming shares her hopes and frustrations about motherhood in *A Mother's Heart*. The mother of three grown children and a grandmother, Jean reveals what it means to be a godly mother and offers encouragement to mothers of all ages and backgrounds. She'll show you how to distinguish between your role and God's role in raising children, explain how to take a spiritual inventory of your child's life, and teach you to pray effectively for your child. She'll also help you be thankful for your child's strengths and weaknesses. You'll be blessed by her insights as you learn how to

develop godly values, vision, and character, and how to instill those same qualities in your children.

Furman, Gloria

- *Missional Motherhood: The Everyday Ministry of Motherhood in the Grand Plan of God*. Crossway. 2016. Despite the routine tasks and mundane to-do lists, motherhood is anything but insignificant. God has designed motherhood as part of His greater plan to draw people to Himself—instilling all women, whether called to traditional mothering or not, with an eternal purpose in nurturing others. In this book, Furman searches the Scriptures for the mission of God in motherhood. She opens our eyes to God's life-giving promises—promises intended to empower each and every woman as she makes disciples in her home, in her neighborhood, and around the world.

George, Elizabeth

- *A Woman After God's Own Heart*, Updated and Expanded. Elizabeth George. Harvest House Publishers. 2015. You will experience peace, order, and joy when you follow God's guidelines for every area of your life, and best of all, you will become a woman after His heart! George shares God's Word and woman-to-woman practical wisdom on how you can pursue God's priorities by...putting God first in your day, your heart, and your life, improving your relationships with family and friends, building a strong bond with your husband, raising your children to follow Jesus and make right choices, and growing in your service to others.

Gresh, Dannah

- *And the Bride Wore White: Seven Secrets to Sexual Purity*. Moody Publishers, 2012. Warm, compassionate, and wise, Gresh reveals the seven secrets of sexual purity. These passages from her own diaries, plus guided journaling activities and interviews with Becky Tirabassi, Josh McDowell, Rebecca St. James, and others will help your teens understand the heavenly purpose of sex. This updated edition includes encouragement for "how to say no" skills.
- *Secret Keeper: The Delicate Power of Modesty*. Moody, 2011. Low-rise jeans, belly-button rings, backless shirts—immodesty is today's fashion statement. It's also a sin, says Gresh, but you can help your daughters learn the powerful art of modesty. Discover why God cares about every aspect of our lives, even our clothes! Includes the "Truth or Bare?" fashion tests and fashion challenges.

Huizenga, Betty

- *Apples of Gold: A Six-Week Nurturing Program for Women*. David C. Cook. 2000. Discover a program that takes seriously the biblical admonition for older women to mentor younger women. Learn about how to set up an Apples of Gold study group, including what personnel and funding are needed, scheduling, and planning. Lessons on kindness, loving your husband and children, submission, purity, and hospitality are based on Titus 2:3-5.

Hunt, Susan

- *Spiritual Mothering: The Titus 2 Model for Women Mentoring Women*. New edition. Susan Hunt, George Grant. Crossway. 2016. Drawing on Paul's words in Titus 2, *Spiritual Mothering* encourages both younger and older women to seek out godly mentoring relationships and experience the blessing of such spiritual mothering. Featuring inspiring stories from the Bible and from women today who have faithfully embraced Scripture's command, this book offers readers an abundance of practical insights, ministry-tested how-to's, and personal encouragement. Now featuring a new cover, this classic book will inspire a new generation of women to seek out the blessing of godly relationships that will encourage and equip them to live for God's glory.

Kraft, Vickie

- *Women Mentoring Women: Ways to Start, Maintain, & Expand a Biblical Women's Ministry*. Moody Publishers. 2003. The 21st century has brought a new urgency for Christian women to search for meaningful relationships where they can live out their faith. This is due in part to our increasingly secular lifestyle and the radical changes in marriage and family life that have isolated and discouraged many women. *Women Mentoring Women* offers the solution to a chronic weakness in churches: the lack of involvement of wives, sisters, mothers, and daughters in vital women's ministries.

Mahaney, Carolyn

- *Feminine Appeal: Seven Virtues of a Godly Wife and Mother*. Crossway. 2012. In this book of instruction for women of all ages, Mahaney explores seven virtues from Titus 2 that have transformed her life and the lives of countless other women. Learn how to live with true feminine appeal and become a woman who lives for God and helps others to do the same.

Mendelsohn, Cheryl

- *Home Comforts: The Art and Science of Keeping House*. Scribner. 2005. This is not a "Christian" book but it's like having an encyclopedia of all things homemaking on your bookshelf.

Otto, Donna

- *Finding Your Purpose as a Mom: How to Build Your Home on Holy Ground*. Harvest House Publishers. 2004. Life management expert Donna Otto shares with readers simple tips and practical insights to help them have the home of their dreams--one in which holiness reigns and rest, peace, and joy can be found.

Peace, Martha

- *Becoming a Titus 2 Woman*, expanded edition. Focus Publishing. The definition is clear. A Titus 2 woman is an older, mature Christian woman who teaches and encourages younger women. Her ministry is based on Titus 2:3-5, and she is called by God to make time for this work. She is not called to preach, but to teach, and most of what she has to teach is by example. Much is said and written today about "mentoring." A mentor is a

guide, a teacher, a counselor, and an advisor; all words that apply to the Titus 2 Woman. Within these pages are many examples of how to disciple younger women. It is practical in its approach as it teaches how, by God's grace, we develop the character that God wants every older woman to have. Study questions at the end of each chapter make this volume ideal for group Bible study.

Reissig, Courtney

- *Glory in the Ordinary: Why Your Work in the Home Matters to God*. Crossway. 2017. Folding laundry, weeding the garden, changing diapers...does any of it matter? In *Glory in the Ordinary*, Courtney Reissig combats the common misconceptions about the value of at-home work, helping us see how Christ infuses purpose into the ordinary. As image bearers of the Creator, we contribute to society, bringing order out of chaos and loving God through loving others...even in the mundane moments of ordinary motherhood.

Rapinchuk, Becky

- *Simply Clean: The Proven Method for Keeping Your Home Organized, Clean, and Beautiful in Just 10 Minutes a Day*. Gallery Books. 2017. Becky Rapinchuk, the “Clean Mama,” understands that many people don’t have the time, organizational skills, or homemaking habits to maintain a constantly clean and decluttered living space. In *Simply Clean*, Becky will help you effortlessly keep a tidy house and build habits to become a neat person—no matter how messy you may naturally be!

Schaeffer, Edith

- *The Hidden Art of Homemaking*. Tyndale House Publishers. 1985. Classic. The author reveals the many opportunities for artistic expression that can be found in ordinary, everyday life.
- *What Is A Family?* Baker Books. 1997. Classic. All the moving, changing shapes of a family are shown in Edith Schaeffer's imaginative reflections on infancy to grandmotherhood. She gives readers great ideas on how to support their family members and make moments memorable.

Wolgemuth, Nancy Demoss

- *Adorned: Living Out the Beauty of the Gospel Together*. Moody Publishers, 2018. The Titus 2 model of older women living out the gospel alongside younger women is vital for us all to thrive. It is mutually strengthening, glorifies God, and makes His truth believable to our world. Imagine older women investing themselves in the lives of younger women, blessing whole families and churches. Imagine young wives, moms, and singles gaining wisdom and encouragement from women who've been there and have found God's ways to be true and good. Imagine all women—from older women to young girls—living out His transforming gospel together, growing the entire body of Christ to be more beautiful. This is Christian community as God designed it. Read this book and take your relationships to new depths, so that your life might find its fullest meaning as you adorn the gospel of Christ.

Commentaries

- *Titus: The MacArthur New Testament Commentary.* John MacArthur. Moody Publishers. 1996.
- *1 & 2 Timothy, Titus: Swindoll's Living Insights Commentary.* Charles R. Swindoll. Tyndale House. 2014.

Curriculum for Mothers and Daughters

Polished CornerstonesL Projects for Daughters on the Road to Womanhood. Pam Forster. Doorposts.

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