

# **OVERVIEW FROM I & II TIMOTHY & TITUS OF ROLES OF FAMILY MEMBERS**

## **OF MEN:**

1. To be the leaders in the public meetings of the church (I Tim. 2:8, 11-12).
2. To be self-controlled and peaceful (I Tim. 2:8).
3. To be the family leader, teaching & maintaining discipline, order, & leading children to Christ (I Tim. 3:4-5, 12, Titus 1:6). This is a multifaceted process (Deut. 6:4-9).
4. To teach young people that lust is overcome by pursuing righteousness, faith, love, peace, and calling on the Lord with a pure heart. In the process, they are not to be quarrelsome, but rather to be kind, able to teach, patient when wronged, correcting error with gentleness . (2 Tim. 2:22-25).
5. He is to protect his household by warning family members to resist being influenced by those who are lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, and who hold to the forms of Christianity, but deny the spiritual power of the gospel (2 Tim. 3:1-6).
6. Older men are to be models for others to follow by being temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, and in perseverance (Titus 2:2).
7. Younger men are also told to be role models by being sensible, a doer of good deeds, doctrinally pure, dignified, and sound in speech so the enemy will not be able to accuse them of evil (Titus 2:6-8).

## **OF WOMEN:**

1. To give more attention to the inward person rather than to outward appearance, to be distinguished by good deeds, to be submissive, to value motherhood, and to develop faith, love, and holiness with self-restraint (2 Tim. 2:9-15).

2. It is good for women to marry, bear children, be dedicated to domestic duties, and to do whatever should be done to avoid reproach (2 Tim. 5:14-15).

3. Women have a great deal of influence on their children and a fundamental role in teaching them to follow Christ (II Tim. 1:5, 3:14-15).

4. Older women are to be examples in their behavior, not gossips, or enslaved to wine, but to teach what is good: that young women should love their husbands, love their children, be sensible, given to domestic tasks, kind, subject to their husbands; thus honoring the world of God (Titus 2:3-5).

### **OF PARENTS:**

1. As they raise their children they should have as goals that they develop the ability to love, sincere hearts, good consciences, and a sincere faith in the Lord (I Tim. 1:1-2,5).

2. Parents should model for their children the place and use of money. Money is not to be valued for itself, but rather for what it enables the Christian to do. Material well being is a gift from the Lord, and it should lead parents not only to provide for material needs of the family, but to give liberally to the work of the church and to doing good. In this way, money can serve us now and eternally (1 Tim. 6:17-19).

### **OF CHILDREN:**

1. It is to be their goal to become spiritually independent, faithful to the Biblical teaching they have received realizing that it is through Scripture that one is prepared to do God's work (II Tim. 3:14-17).

2. Eventually, they are to be ready to provide for their parents and relatives as needed (I Tim. 5:3-4, 8, 12).

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