

Women's Bible Class Series
The Titus 2 Woman
Lesson 7: Working at Home

Titus 2:3-5 "That aged women likewise be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, **working at home**, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled." (ESV)

1. **Definition:** Caring for the house; working at home; the (watch or) keeper of the house; keeping at home and taking care of household affairs. (Strong's Concordance)

2. **Example of an Ideal Homemaker is found in Prov. 31:10-31**
 - A. Watches over household
 - Achieved perspective
 - Not a slave to menial tasks forgetting the other needs of the family
 - Balanced planning sees to family's total needs
 - B. Manages her household
 - Woman's role in the home is to manage the household (I Tim. 5:14)
 - Makes necessary plans for the day
 - Ensuring proper food nutrition to ensure a well-fed family (Prov. 31:15)
 - Ensuring family is well-clothed (Prov. 31:13, 19, 22)
 - C. Applies herself to the task
 - Works diligently (Prov. 31:17-18)
 - Not idle or lazy (I Tim. 5:13)
 - Not a gossip (I Tim. 5:13)
 - D. Has an interest and supports the economic well-being of the family
 - Does not spend when husband says they cannot afford it
 - When necessary will contribute to the family income (Prov. 31:16, 24)
 - Generous in giving (Prov. 31:25)

3. **Supports Her Husband**
 - A. Fulfilling his obligations
 - Behind every successful man is a good wife (Prov. 31:11-12, 23)
 - B. Obligations to the Lord
 - In some areas of Christian service it is impossible for a man to function as he should without a spiritually-minded wife who is able and willing to work with him (I Tim. 3:2, 11-12)
 - Hospitality (I Tim. 3:2; Rom. 12:13; I Pet. 4:9)
 - Advising and encouraging (Prov. 31:26)
 - Mainstay through trying situations (I Tim. 3:2)
 - Able to manage household properly (I Tim. 3:4)

4. **Spiritual Keeper at Home**
 - A. Fears the Lord (Prov. 31:30)
 - Family's growth spiritually, mentally, physically, and socially
 - Does not allow duties of hospitality to turn her into a "fuss-budget" full of self-pity (Luke 10:38-42)

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Conclusion:

She oversees expertly the physical needs of her family, she is industrious in executing her duties as a wife and mother; her good management helps her husband achieve financial stability for the family; she has a secure family; she helps her husband fulfill his responsibilities; and she sees to it that first things come first. (Patterson, Wisely Train the Younger Women, 1973)