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Older Women Counseling Younger Women

"She opens her mouth with skillful and godly wisdom and in her tongue is the law of kindness—giving counsel and instruction."

Proverbs 31:26 Amplified



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The greatest counselor of all is Jesus Christ. Isaiah 9:6 (NIV) reads, *"For to us a child is born. To us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."* To give godly counsel, we need to spend daily time with Jesus in reading, meditation, and applying God's Word in our own lives first and then helping others.

Titus 2:3-5 (NIV) reads, *"Likewise teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can train the younger to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands so that no one will malign the Word of God."* I thank God for the older women in the church who are obedient in applying the scripture. I also thank God for older men who train younger men. We badly need more older men and women who have allowed Jesus to transform their lives and are now helping younger believers. The same principles apply to men and women. According to Titus 2, we start by allowing God to build godly character in us first.

For many years as an older woman in the church, it has been my delight to give love and training to many younger women. I started by following the instructions in Titus 2. I obeyed God's Word, allowing Him to deliver me from sinful habits and to heal painful areas in my

life. I submitted to my husband and allowed God to heal my broken marriage, and I experienced God's amazing grace. As I was faithful to obey His Word, God was faithful to transform my life. Then God started leading me to younger women whom He wanted me to lovingly train to be godly women and to love and respect their husbands and raise godly children. The women that I worked with then helped other women. Several of these women were military wives. Whenever they were moved to a different base in the U.S. and in other countries, the teaching that I gave them from Titus 2 was then spread to many others. It is when older women apply God's Word in their lives and families and then train younger women to do the same, that we have families that bring glory to Jesus Christ and don't shame the Word of God.

Sad to say, we have many church families divorcing. People need to see the power of Jesus Christ as we apply God's Word to our lives and train others to do the same. I encourage more men and women to train the younger believers in God's ways so that God can be glorified in our lives and end the divorce in the church.

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