

TITUS 2 CHAT

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Discretion and Etiquette - In More Ways Than One

Mother Paryah:

Definition of Discretion: the quality of behaving or speaking in such a way as to avoid causing offense or revealing private information.

Discretion shown in: #1-Appearance #2-Body Language #3-Communication #4-Foresight

#1 - Appearance - Pertains to modesty. Your clothing says a lot. Be mindful of the "P" or the hump. Take note of clothing that draws attention to the hourglass figure, cleavage, tight form fitting clothes, garments with low armpit exposure of the breast. Slips should be below the knee and at least to the shin. Leggings and a short dress is not OK, neither exposure of the bra. (Models displayed the wearing of modest apparel such as business attire; fitness or workout attire; school/college attire; casual attire.)

*Sirach/Ecclesiasticus 19:30 - A man's attire, and excessive laughter, and gait, shew what he is.

#2 - Body Language - It can send a non-verbal form of communication. Rolling of the eyes, neck, sucking of teeth, smirking, and things of that nature. Haughty.

*Isaiah 3:16 - Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet:

#3 - Communication - Conversations or the imparting of information requires discretion. Is your conversation with discretion?

*James 3:5-10 - Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! 6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. 7 For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: 8 But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. 9 Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. 10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

*Ephesians 4:22-24, 29 - That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. 29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may

minister grace unto the hearers.

*Proverbs 16:24 - Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

*Colossians 4:6 - Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

*Proverbs 15:2 - The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

Examples from our foremothers- Abigail, Esther, Susanna

---Abigail - Her fair speech.

*I Samuel 25:23-25, 31-35 - And when Abigail saw David, she hasted, and lighted off the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, 24 And fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, upon me let this iniquity be: and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid. 25 Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this man of Belial, even Nabal: for as his name is, so is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with him: but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send. 31 That this shall be no grief unto thee, nor offence of heart unto my lord, either that thou hast shed blood causeless, or that my lord hath avenged himself: but when the LORD shall have dealt well with my lord, then remember thine handmaid. 32 And David said to Abigail, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me: 33 And blessed be thy advice, and blessed be thou, which hast kept me this day from coming to shed blood, and from avenging myself with mine own hand. 34 For in very deed, as the LORD God of Israel liveth, which hath kept me back from hurting thee, except thou hadst hasted and come to meet me, surely there had not been left unto Nabal by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall. 35 So David received of her hand that which she had brought him, and said unto her, Go up in peace to thine house; see, I have hearkened to thy voice, and have accepted thy person.

---Esther - Received favor in his sight.

*Esther 8:3-5 - And Esther spake yet again before the king, and fell down at his feet, and besought him with tears to put away the mischief of Haman the Agagite, and his device that he had devised against the Jews. 4 Then the king held out the golden sceptre toward Esther. So Esther arose, and stood before the king, 5 And said, If it please the king, and if I have found favour in his sight, and the thing seem right before the king, and I be pleasing in his eyes, let it be written to reverse the letters devised by Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, which he wrote to destroy the Jews which are in all the king's provinces:

---Susanna - Her discretion in being known as an honest woman

*The History of Susanna vs 17-18 - Then she said to her maids, Bring me oil and washing balls, and shut the garden doors, that I may wash me. 18 And they did as she bade them, and shut the garden doors, and went out themselves at privy doors to fetch the things that she had commanded them: but they saw

not the elders, because they were hid.

#4 - Foresight - Reactions. Recognizing what's ahead.

*Sirach/Ecclesiasticus 7:36 - Whatsoever thou takest in hand, remember the end, and thou shalt never do amiss.

*Proverbs 22:3 - A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.

*Proverbs 3:21 - My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion:

- "How to demonstrate discretion." Abstain from the very appearance of evil and be mindful of what you are saying. Avoid negative body language and negative influences.

*1 Thessalonians 5:22 - Abstain from all appearance of evil.

-When convocationing: Don't cause or defraud either brothers or sisters by wrong or inappropriate dress.

*1 Timothy 5:1-2 - Rebuke not an elder, but intreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren; 2 The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity.

-When on Social Media: Be mindful of how your communications impact your job and your reputation. What you may think is harmless can have negative consequences after you hit "SEND".

*Proverbs 22:1 - A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.

*Judith 8:8 - And there was none that gave her an ill word; as she feared God greatly.

---T.H.I.N.K = "T"-True "H"-Helpful "I"-Inspiring "N"-Necessary "K"-Kind

VIDEO: Things Black People Say Out to Dinner (In this video note that she was a loud and clamorous woman.) Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BnkU5z17AMs>

Sister Arielle House of Captain Uzziah: ETIQUETTE - Tips for Beginners -

Definition of "Etiquette" - A customary code of polite behavior in society among members.

20 Etiquette Rules That Every Israelite Woman Needs To Know: Keep Score -0 pts If you follow these rules / 1 pt if sometimes followed / 2 pts if you always break them.

#1-Texting - Be mindful of other people's time (Texting that you will be running late).

#2-Don't text at the table.

#3-The proper way to use your phone at work or church is to "turn your phone on silent".

*Ecclesiastes 3:1, 7 – To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: 7
A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

#4-Keep personal conversations and arguments "OFF" Social Media.

*I Peter 3:9 - Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

#5-Don't show up at a party empty handed, unless you've been instructed otherwise. Bring a gift for your host/hostess.

*Esther 9:22 - As the days wherein the Jews rested from their enemies, and the month which was turned unto them from sorrow to joy, and from mourning into a good day: that they should make them days of feasting and joy, and of sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor.

#6-If your children are invited to a friend's house to play they and you should also feel invited to help with the cleanup.

*Philippians 2:4-5 - Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. 5
Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

#7-Chew with your mouth closed and don't talk with food in your mouth. Your beauty is also in your behavior.

*Sirach/Ecclesiasticus 36:22 - The beauty of a woman cheereth the countenance, and a man loveth nothing better.

#8-Don't let your kids act like wild monkeys in a restaurant. Practice etiquette.

*Proverbs 22:6 - Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

#9-If you bump into someone, say excuse me!

*Ephesians 4:32 - And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

#10-When talking to someone in person, don't glance down at your cell phone to see who's trying to reach you, pay attention; don't be rude; be kind; and listen.

*James 1:19 - Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

#11-Don't come to church/work/school "sick"...you or your children.

*Romans 12:10 - Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

#12-Be aware of smells. "Personal hygiene".

*I Corinthians 3:16 - Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

#13-Keep noise and distractions to a minimum (i.e. - on your phone speaking loudly at work). Let your behavior show at the church by not having loud conversations. If you have a crying child, take them out and when they are calm, return.

*Philippians 2:3 - Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

#14-Be a team player. Consider others on your team. No schism and have the same care one for another.

*I Corinthians 12:25 - That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.

#15-Don't interrupt colleagues when they are speaking. Also, at the church, don't interrupt leadership, brothers, or sisters.

*Sirach/Ecclesiasticus 11:8 - Answer not before thou hast heard the cause: neither interrupt men in the midst of their talk.

#16-Be mindful of your body language. A large portion is non-verbal. Watch your facial expressions. (i.e. - The resting "B" face).

*Sirach/Ecclesiasticus 19:29 - A man may be known by his look, and one that hath understanding by his countenance, when thou meetest him

#17-Be pleasant to others.

*Proverbs 16:24 - Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

#18-Don't be late to work or to church either.

#19-Be responsible for your task. Provide the help that you said that you are/would be responsible for. Let your yea be yea and your nay be nay.

*Matthew 5:37 - But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

#20-Think about people's feelings first.

*Leviticus 19:18 - Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD.

VIDEO: Dinning Etiquette and Table Manners

Sister Maishar House of Officer Azaniah - How to Set-Up a Proper Formal Table Setting.

1-Charger 2-Dinner Plate 3-Salad Plate 4-Bread & Butter or Appetizers Plate 5-Forks/Spoons/Knives
6-Glasses-Water Goblet, Wine Glasses (White and Red)

-With silverware, always start with utensils on the outside first and use going inward.

-First, wait for the host to place their napkin then guest follow.

-Servers - Serve from the left side and clear from the right.

-If you rest on the table, rest with your wrist.

-There are two ways to handle the knife and fork. A European version (never set knife down) and American version (cut with the knife and rest it to switch the fork to that hand).

-When placing the napkin on the chair you are indicating that you "are not done" with your meal. When placing the napkin to the left of the plate you are indicating that you "are done" with your meal. Also placement of the silverware in the 10/20 position means you are finished. Crossing of your knife and fork.

-When eating soup, sip from the side of the spoon. Scoop away from you towards the 12 o'clock position scraping the bottom of the spoon to stop dripping.

-Be mindful of your host and be on time.

-The proper way to pick up a wine glass is by the stem. Picking up by the bowl changes the temperature of the wine.

-Proper sitting distance from the table is two (2) hand widths away from the table.

-There is a certain way to show that you didn't enjoy your meal. Cultural customs vary from country to country.

-If you make a spill at the table, just acknowledge the spill.

-Smacking at the table. To avoid smacking, eat smaller fork or spoons full so that your mouth is not overfilled.

-At a formal setting no gum chewing at the table.

-It is not good to be offensive to the host according to their customs (i.e. - Cleaning or not cleaning your plate).

Be mindful of your conversations with those to your left and to your right. Especially if it is between a married person to a single person.