

TITUS 2:3-5

LESSON 5 – ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

GOD'S WORD FOR WOMEN TODAY

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TITUS 2:3-5 (NASB95)

Let's read one more time the verses we have been studying:

“Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.”

ARRANGING THE VERSES

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3. nor enslaved to much wine
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OVERVIEW

Previously we have studied Titus 2:3-5 to understand what God's Word says to women who are around 60 years of age and older, and women who are young wives and mothers.

Here are some questions brought up by the study of these verses:

- 1. Where are the older women who are prepared to mentor?**
- 2. Where are the younger women who would like someone to come alongside them?**
- 3. How do these two groups connect?**
- 4. Stay-at-home moms seem so old-fashioned! Does that mean God's Word is only appropriate for some other time period – not for today?**
- 5. Are there any helpful resources on these topics?**

1. WHERE ARE THE OLDER WOMEN?

These issues have worked against the truths of Titus 2:3-5:

- **Feminism – “Fulfill yourself,” “Be independent,” “Demand your rights” philosophies have derailed the church from its ministry**
- **Age-segregation – Sunday schools for every age**
- **Selfishness**
- **Lack of good biblical theology**
- **Ageism – younger people often do not value or respect older people**
- **Some of them are divorced (“Gray divorce is sky-rocketing among baby boomers” reads a May 2024 headline in Fortune online)**
- **Some have gone back to work or are raising their grandchildren.**

THE OLDER WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

- **Pray for a “Timothy.”**
- **It’s important to realize is that sometimes women may not feel like they are worthy of being a mentor even though they are! But a Christian woman knows that God has a definite plan for her life.**
- **The best Titus 2 woman is one who has been through trials and challenges and has found Jesus sufficient and trustworthy, no matter the heartbreak or sorrow. Share what He has done for you.**
- **Informally, seek out a younger woman and offer to mentor her.**
- **If you’re a mom, start with your own daughter(s) and go from there.**
- **More formally, begin or become part of a Titus 2 ministry within your church.**
- **God is not looking for perfect women; He is looking for obedient women.**

2. WHERE ARE THE YOUNGER WOMEN?

- **Who can you think of in your life that serves as an example of a Titus 2 woman?**
 - **Ask that woman to mentor you and hold you accountable.**
- **How much would you welcome an older woman's advice?**
 - **Be humble and accept godly advice**
- **Imagine being older and thinking no one who wanted to hear from you. It may not be true, but a lot of older people feel that way, which is why you must make your desires known and show interest!**

THE YOUNGER WOMEN

- **Pray for a “Paul.”**
- **When looking for a mentor, make sure she loves the Word of God and uses it to guide her own life.**
- **She may also have books to recommend, maybe old books that appear outdated at first glance. But those might contain the perfect advice. You could suggest going through the book with her.**
- **You aren’t committing to meeting for years; for a season.**
- **Trust the Holy Spirit to guide you to the right woman for the right time in each area of your life.**
- **Consider how God might use you in the future as an older woman.**
- **Pray for a “Timothy.” Be prepared to pass the baton.**

3. HOW DO THESE TWO GROUPS CONNECT?

- **The Bible is very clear about what older men and women should be doing. It's clear about what they should teach, how they should teach it, and how to be qualified to be a mentor.**
- **Prayer: "God, I am lonely in my walk with Christ. I long for a mentor who can come alongside me and teach me how to be a godly woman, one who loves her husband and children deeply. It may feel impossible to find, but I believe that nothing is impossible for You, God. Thank You for hearing my prayer and I trust that You will fulfill this desire of my heart because You have called women to do this for each other. Please raise up Titus 2 women for Your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen."**

CONNECTING

- **Finding a mentor: the first and most important thing to do is to pray about it.**
- **The only way you can discern who should be your mentor is to evaluate the fruit and ask yourself does she have a marriage like you want to have? Do you want your children to be like hers?**
- **Become part of a Titus 2 ministry within your church.**
- **Titus 2:3-5 is not simply a suggestion to match older women and younger women. This directive is a part of the mandate for the Christian education of the church.**
- **Either as a younger woman or an older woman, consider starting up such a ministry.**
- **Connect informally over coffee.**

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Mentoring
WOMEN

4. FOCUSING ON HOMEMAKING IS SO OLD-FASHIONED!

- **Two questions:**
 - **Stay-at-home moms seem so old-fashioned! Focusing on family as a primary ministry is not emphasized today.**
 - **Does that mean God's Word is only appropriate for some other time period – not for today? God's Word is irrelevant for modern times?**
- **Terms for old-fashioned**
- **Terms for “keepers at home”:**
 - **“Housewives” became a negative title**
 - **“Homemaker” transitioned to in 1970s**
 - **“Stay-at-home mom” became the label in 1980s**
 - **SAHM**

GREAT ATTITUDE OF A SAHM

“While the term may sound stale and overly simple, my current role is far from that. Yes, as a mother who does not leave the house for money-making purposes my days are focused primarily on caring for and raising our three children. But they are filled with so much more than just that. I transport, clean, cook, launder, shop, organize, worry, plan and more from the moment my eyes open to the moment they close. I also work tirelessly to fit in activities that fuel me, from endlessly reading, and volunteering at my sons’ schools, to researching ways to contribute to our community, and dreaming big writer dreams.”

SAHM CONT'D

“Since having children almost six years ago, I’ve never felt as creative, as energized and excited about life and all that it has to offer, whether that is seeing my oldest son ice skating for the first time, or deciding to dive into personal projects with a renewed passion. I’ve never felt more motivated to become a better person, for myself and my family. It’s ironic that during a phase of life where time for myself is at its most limited, I’ve never felt more inspired to use it in the best ways possible.”

- **Be a woman that values by word and deed the roles focused on in Titus 2:3-5.**
- **Find, share, and create good examples; encouragement notebook**
- **P.S.: Every godly woman’s role is valuable and important in God’s plans.**

5. IS GOD'S WORD RELEVANT TODAY? YES, BECAUSE GOD IS THE SAME

- **“While the Bible was completed approximately 1900 years ago, its accuracy and relevance for today remain unchanged. The Bible is the sole objective source of all the revelation God has given us about Himself and His plan for humanity...God’s Word will never be outdated, superseded, or improved upon. Cultures change, laws change, generations come and go, but the Word of God is as relevant today as it was when it was first written.”**
- **“The Bible is still applicable to our lives because God’s nature and standards do not change. The ten commandments are as relevant now as they were two thousand plus years ago. Treating others with kindness is still in fashion with God, and always will be.”**

THE BIBLE IS RELEVANT

1. It's a living book.

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful...so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV

theopneustos (teh-OH-nyoo-stoss) "inspired by God" (*Theos*, "God," *pneo*, "to breathe")

- God is the Author of all Scripture; God is the source or origin of what is recorded in Scripture.
- His Word is useful, profitable, beneficial
- Fitted out, to furnish completely, to prepare perfectly

The Bible is unique because it is God's revelation recorded in human language.

THE BIBLE IS RELEVANT

2. The life of the Bible includes its ability to penetrate the spirit and soul and thoughts and intents of the hearts of those who read it!

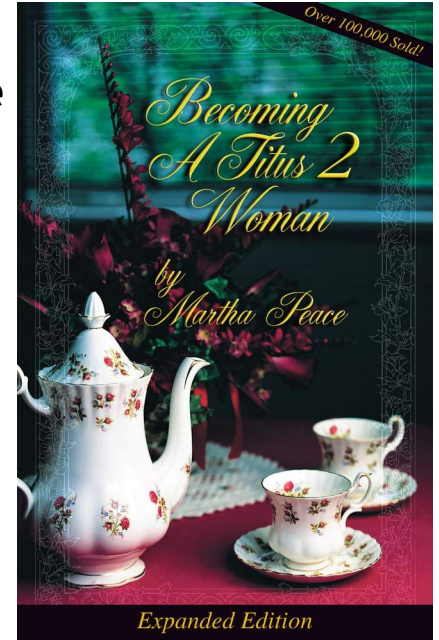
Hebrews 4:12 NIV “For the word of God is **alive and **active**...it **judges** the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”**

- **“Alive”**: Powerful, having vital power in itself
- **“Active”**: Energetic, effective
- **“Judges”**: tracing out and passing judgment on the thoughts of the mind; skilled in discerning

“Titus 2 is always relevant because it is always counter-cultural and counter-intuitive to obey God’s Word. Now is a time to intensify our emphasis on women discipling women.” Susan Hunt

5. SUGGESTED RESOURCES

- **My Top Five Favorites:**
 - *Feminine Appeal* by Carolyn Mahaney
 - *Becoming a Titus 2 Woman* by Martha Peace
 - *Spiritual Mothering* by Susan Hunt
 - *Adorned* by Nancy Demoss Wolgemuth
 - *A Mother's Heart* by Jean Fleming
- **PDF on website: spiritandtruth.org**




SUMMARY

- **Spiritual mothering = “When a woman possessing faith and spiritual maturity enters into a nurturing relationship with a younger woman in order to encourage her and equip her to live for God’s glory.” Susan Hunt**
- **Paul commands Titus to teach the older women so that they can train the younger women to live in such a way that God’s Word will not be slandered.**
- **It is interesting that of all the ways Paul could have told to women to combat the decadence of their culture, he told them to invest their energies in training the younger women to live Christianly in their society.**

SUMMARY

- **The characteristics to be taught “were not merely from the mind of Paul; they were inspired by our Sovereign Lord and intended not just for the women in Crete but for his daughters throughout history. These are the virtues that God said would give clarity and distinction to the lives of Christian women living in ungodly surroundings.”**



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 women 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.

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