

TITUS 2: Understanding and Embracing
Your Calling in Discipleship
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Titus 2 gives us a great model for mentoring: We must start with our motivation found in vv 11 & 12. In these verses we see the PROVISION behind God's calling on our lives to fulfill our mandate as we teach the younger women.

God's grace motivates us to be obedient to our mandate.

Purpose of Paul's letter to Titus: To instruct Titus so that he could better prepare the churches on the Island of Crete to become a more effective witnesses to unbelievers there.

Our obedience in a disobedient culture can have an incredible impact on the world for the sake of the gospel.

Christ's PROVISION:

- ♥ He makes it possible for us to obey.
- ♥ Therefore, our joyful obedience will have a powerful impact in our disobedient world.
- ♥ Our obedience will CONFIRM the gospel lived out in our lives to that world.

Doctrine: WHAT you believe will directly affect HOW you live!!

Titus 2: 3-5, "Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips, nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, 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, that the word of God may not be dishonored.”

A. HOW ARE WE TO LIVE?

Older Women Are:

- 1) To be reverent in their behavior.

James 1:22 “But prove yourselves doers of the Word and not merely hearers who delude themselves.”

1 Cor 10:31: “Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”

- 2) Not to be malicious gossips.

James 1:26 “If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man’s religion is worthless.”

1 Tim. 3:11 “Women must likewise be dignified, not malicious gossips, but temperate, faithful in all things.”

Eph 4:29 “Let no unwholesome word proceed from

your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.”

- 3) Not be addicted to much wine.
(The emphasis is on enslaved)
The word ENSLAVED comes from the word *doulos*. It means to be a slave to something; to serve or to be in bondage to something.

It can be anything that takes away from your affection for your Savior, for the gospel, or from keeping your home a priority.

- 4) To teach what is good. (vv 4-5)

To teach:

- To become familiar with something so that it leads to a particular action or attitude
- to instruct by principle, by example, or by experience
- it applies to any manner of imparting information or skills so that others may learn from it
- to train
- to teach in a manner that will bring understanding, so that we don't just teach younger women WHAT they are to do...but to help them understand WHY this is God's desire for them.

- And specifically in this verse—it means to train to be “sober-minded”. (To be able to think things through in a sensible manner.)

B. WHO ARE WE TO TEACH?

Older women are to teach the younger women.

Our roles are best taught in the context of relationships.

Pass on your stories of “failures” as well as “successes” so that they can see the evidences of God’s grace in your life to encourage them in their progressive sanctification .

C. WHAT ARE WE TO TEACH?

1) To love their husbands.

a) How we can help young women love their husbands:

♥ Understand God’s Purpose for Marriage

♥ Understand God’s Priority in Marriage

2) To love their children.

We are to view mothering , not as an inconvenience to a higher priority—but as a pleasure and a privilege, and one of the **GREATEST PRIORITIES** given to us by God.

3) To be sensible.

A sensible woman is able to trust God when those unexpected things happen.

4) To be pure.

Romans 12:12 , “Put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh.”

5) To be workers at home.

God has designed the family to be her number one sphere of influence.

6) To be kind.

The “kind” woman that Paul describes here is one who is capable of representing Christ.

7) To be subject to their own husbands.

Submission is about God’s order.

D. WHY ARE WE TO TEACH THESE THINGS?

So that the Word of God may not be dishonored!!!!

How we live out these principles either demonstrates—or denies who God is and the power of the gospel in our life.

Eph 4:22-24, “You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires, to be made new in the attitude of your minds and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.”

Where do I start?

Questions to begin:

- What is your testimony?
- What do you like to do for fun?
- What gives you the greatest joy?
- What does a typical day look like for you?
- What five books have most influenced your life?
- What are the last five books you have read?
- What would you like to accomplish this year?

Things to Discuss:

- Expectations
- Boundaries
- Confidentiality

Getting to the heart of things.....

Help with making conversations intentional.

How have you shepherded your heart this week?

How was your week?

- ♥ What was encouraging about it?
 - Did you find yourself remembering God in those moments?
 - How did you express your gratefulness to God for times of encouragement?
- ♥ What was challenging for you this past week?
 - What was your initial response to the challenge?
 - What were your thoughts of God through this?
 - Did any Scripture come to mind? Did you meditate on it?
 - Did you apply the truth of the gospel to this challenge? (If not, let's do that now.)
- ♥ What are you struggling with right now?

- How do you see God work in you as you deal with that struggle?
- ♥ What did your time with Lord look like?
What are you reading/learning/memorizing?
 - ♥ Did you pray? What did you pray? How often did you pray?
How did God answer?
 - ♥ Did you have any opportunities to share Christ with someone or talk to someone about Him or how He is working in your life?
 - ♥ How is your thought life? What are your thoughts regarding _____?
 - ♥ How can I pray for you this coming week?
 - ♥ What would be an encouragement to you this week?

**** Go over each of the virtues listed in Titus 2:4-5 and ask them if they see evidences of God's grace working in them. Ask them how these virtues have "adorned the gospel"?

- ♥ How were you able to serve your husband this week?
- ♥ How were you able to keep your husband a priority this week?
- ♥ Share an area where you choose to love your husband this week when you didn't "feel like it". If you didn't do well in this area, do you need to go back to him and ask him for forgiveness?
- ♥ Are you praying for your husband?
- ♥ In what area are you struggling to shepherd your child/children?
- ♥ How are you doing in the area of patience with them? Do you need to seek their forgiveness?
- ♥ Are you praying for and with your children?
- ♥ Are there any areas you are struggling with self-control?
- ♥ Are the decisions you are making God-honoring?
- ♥ Is there an area you are struggling to trust God in?
- ♥ Do you see evidences of God's grace in an area where you ARE able to trust God where you once struggled?
- ♥ Can you see any areas where you are thinking more like the world than a child of God?
- ♥ Can you give me examples of how you are able to keep your

home your number one priority?

- ♥ Are you able to show kindness to your husband and children and others in your life?
- ♥ Is there someone in your life who is hard for you to show kindness to?
- ♥ How are you doing in the area of submitting to your husband? Where do you find that easy? Where do you find that hard?

An effective time together:

Listen

Encourage

Pray

Emphasize “role” of Child of God

Application

Keep based on Scripture:

Worry: Matt 6:25-34, Phil 4:6-7, 1 Peter 5:6-7, Psalm 37:3-7
Hebrews 13:5, Romans 8:15, Romans 8:28-38

Contentment: 1 Tim 6:6, 1 Tim 6:7-10, Heb 13:5, Phil 4:11-13, Luke 12:15, Matt. 6:19,20

The Gospel: 1 Cor. 15:3-4, Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Romans 5:8, 1 Peter 2:24, Romans 10:9, John 1:12

Hope: 1 Cor. 10:13, 2 Cor. 9:8, Eph. 3:20, Hebrews 6:19-20, 1 Thess. 1:3, 1 Peter 1:3, 2 Cor. 12:7-10

Fear: Romans 8:38-39, Hebrews 13:5-6, Romans 8:15, 2 Cor. 1:3-11, 2 Cor. 4:16-17, 2 Cor. 11

Forgiveness: Matt. 18:23-35, Eph. 4:31-32, Mark 11:25, Hebrews 12:15

Thanksgiving: 1 Thess. 5:16-18, Eph. 5:20

Wife's Role: Eph. 5:22, 24, 33; 1 Tim. 3:11, Col. 3:18, I Peter 3: 1-6
Genesis 2:18-25

Divorce: 1 Cor. 7:10-11, Malachi 2:16, Luke 16:18

Jesus, The Only Way: John 14:6, Acts 4:12

Suffering (Blessings): James 1:2-4, Romans 5:3-5, Romans 8:16-18
2 Cor. 1:3-11

New Creation: 1 Cor. 6:9-11, 2 Cor. 5:17-21, 1 John 1:9

Speech: Eph. 4:29-32, James 1:19, James 3:3-12, Romans 15:2,
Proverbs 8:6-8, Proverbs 31:26, Romans 14:19

Critical Spirit: Romans 12:18, Gal. 5: 15, 1 Peter 2:17, Psalm 26:2
Eph. 4:29-30, Eph. 5:1, Phil 2:14, Proverbs 10:12

James 1:19-20, Gal 5:19-21

Prayer: Matt. 6:9-13, Matt. 11:28,29 Hebrews 4:14-16,
Anger: Proverbs 14:16-17, Proverbs 14:29, Proverbs 15:1,
1 Peter 5:6-7, Phil. 4:6-7, 1 Thess. 5:17-18,
Proverbs 3:5-6

Importance of God's Word: 2 Tim. 3:16-17, Heb. 4:12, 2 Peter 1:3,
1 Cor. 10:13, Matt. 22:37