

VBF Women's Study Lesson 16

Titus 2:3b-5 younger Women Part 2

As you read through Titus and begin this study, ask God to open your heart. As the Psalmist prayed: "Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Thy law" (Psalm 119:18).

Assignment: In the next week prayerfully **read Titus and all the verses listed below**. Attempt to answer the following discussion questions from the text only. Don't worry if you cannot find all the answers. We will discuss them next week.

Immediate Context: Paul has exhorted Titus in 2:1 to "speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine" in contrast to the words and teaching of the "many rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers" (1:10; cf. 1:10-16). He now gives commands that are in line with sound doctrine or teaching.

Questions:

- 1) REVIEW: List and explain the things from 2:3-5 older women are to be.
- 2) REVIEW: What are older women in the church to be doing (3b)? What does this mean?
- 3) REVIEW: Why are older women to be teaching what is good to the younger women? That...(2:3b-5a) (*Remember what sophonidozo means?*)
- 4) REVIEW: Look at verse 4, If married, are you this?
- 5) From your last lesson, what does it mean to be sensible (2:5)? Are you this? What causes us to think rightly?
- 6) From your last lesson, what does it mean to be pure (2:5)? Are you this? How is it that you can be this?
- 7) Look at 1 Timothy 5:1-16 and list the qualities of those who are "widows indeed" (9-10)? Are these qualities yours?
- 8) What is the point that Paul was making concerning widows in 1 Timothy 5?

Lexical note: The word translated "workers at home" oikorgous in 2:5 literally means a home worker. Oikia=house ergon=work. The verb translated "keep house" in 1Tim. 5:14 speaks of mastering, ruling or managing a household.

- 9) Apart from those whom the Lord blesses and gifts with singleness so they can serve Him undistracted (1Cor 7), what are women to be in regard to the home (3:5)? What do you think it means to be "workers at home"?

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10) How does being a worker at home relate to the following?
A. 2:3b

B. 2:4

11) From 1 Timothy 5:11-15 what are younger widows to do and why? What is the domain, area of responsibility for younger women? How does this relate to the role of married women in Titus 3:5?

12) The women's--- place --- responsibility --- is in the home. (Circle the right answer)

13) What does Proverbs 7:11 say about the prostitute?

14) From 1 Timothy 5:14-15, what is another reason women to function properly and obediently in this domain? What does Satan desire to do through those who disobey these commands?

NOTE: We will look at the issue of submission next time in our final lesson concerning young women.

15) What does 2:5b say is the consequence if younger Christian women do not behave in such a fashion? Explain

16) Do you realize that if you younger women do not obey these commands and you older women do not teach them, "the Word of God is dishonored" or literally blasphemed, i.e. spoken against? Could the Word of God be blasphemed because of your behavior or lack of? If so confess and be forgiven (1 John 1:9) and then be determined to obey.

17) How can an accurate understanding of Titus 2:11-14 help older women and you do what is commanded in Titus? Explain.

18) Are you willing to be exhorted or encouraged in these areas by other women? Are you willing to exhort or encourage other women in these areas? How should Titus 2:11-14 fit into your exhortation?