

D2: The Home – Titus 2:3-5

INTRODUCTION (Questions to clarify the context):

- How does the Word of God and the gospel shape the believing woman in her household. Do you know God's plan through His Word for your wife, daughter, sister, mom?
- Why did Paul leave Titus in Crete, Titus 1:5-9? What remains is the need for qualified elders to oversee the flock. . .
- Why do elders need to be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict, Titus 1:10-16?
- How should Titus be compared to the false teachers, Titus 2:1?
- What is Paul's teaching strategy for Titus so he can address the damage caused by the false teachers at the household level, Titus 2:2-10?
- What is ultimately at stake in and outside the church through the behavior of older men and women, younger women and men, Titus and slaves, Titus 2:1, 5, 8, 10?
- How is it possible for these believers to "adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect" through their behavior, Titus 2:11-14?
- **Why is it important for men in the church to understand God's gospel and its effects on women (all!) in the church, Titus 2:3-5?**
 - i. I must _____ my leadership with God's Scriptural expectations for the women in my home.
 - ii. My leadership must help the woman/women in my home _____ God's Scriptural implications for their living.

- iii. My leadership of the women in my home must contribute to the _____ of the gospel and the _____ of critics.
- iv. My leadership of the women in my home can _____ my household from being "upset" (Titus 1:11) by bad doctrine.

Q: How aware have you been of what Titus 2:3-5 says and what it means for the women around you in the church (whether you are married or not)?

Q: If you are single but hope to be married someday, how aware have you been of Titus 2:3-5 as you prayerfully consider marriage? Why is your current awareness where it is? Is there anything to change? What will that change practically look like?

Q: If you are married and/or have daughters: How aware do you think the women in your home are of what Titus 2:3-5 says and means for them? Why is their awareness where it is currently? What is your role in their current awareness of Titus 2:3-5?

TITUS 2:3-5: The gospel is honored through transformed older women training transformed younger women.

I. What older women transformed by the gospel must be, 2:3.

- "Older women"

1. Reverent in behavior.

Q: Do you long for your wife to be such a woman? Are you looking for a wife who is interested in living a life that looks different than the way most women live?

Q: Are you concerned to direct your wife in this direction? Ask your wife if she thinks you are concerned for her holiness of life. What kinds of things might you need to do to help your wife grow more intentionally into an "older woman who is reverent in behavior?" If you have a daughter, is she on the right trajectory concerning this character quality?

2. Not malicious gossips.

3. Not enslaved to much wine.

Q: Are you the kind of man that is concerned that slander or gossip not find a lodging place in the woman you would date, or your wife? Do you long for your wife to be in control of her words? Do you know the effects of her emails, facebook postings, phone calls on others? Are you looking for a woman who is far from the charge of being a malicious gossip?

Q: Are you concerned to direct your wife away from gossip? Are you concerned to protect her from such sin? How so? Ask your wife if she thinks you are concerned about her tongue. What kind of things might you need to do to help your wife flee from malicious gossip?

Q: Are you the kind of man that is passionate to not lose your own self-control in the use of alcohol? Do you long for your wife to always have self-control, especially in her use of alcohol? As a single man, is this the kind of woman that you find attractive? Has your oversight of the use of alcohol in your marriage, home, life been helpful for your wife so that she would have no trouble meeting this qualification as she gets older in Christ?

Q: Are you concerned to direct your wife away from the numbing effect on self-control that too much alcohol can produce? Are you protecting your wife from such sin? How so? Ask your wife if she thinks you are concerned about her use of alcohol. What kind of things might you need to do to help your wife flee from the lack of self-control that too much wine produces?

4. Teaching what is good.

Q: Are you the kind of man that wants to live a life that brings good or benefit to others? Do you long for your wife to live the same kind of life so that as she grows older, younger women would find her words of experience to be of benefit and good?

Q: Are you concerned for your wife to be able to impart what is good to younger women? Has your oversight of her life and ministry positioned her to be able to have an avenue of input into other women? (May our leadership over our wives and daughters not keep them from being able to teach what is good to other women!) Ask your wife is she thinks you are concerned for her to have an avenue of input into the younger women.

II. What transformed, older women must train the transformed younger women to be, 2:4-5a.

- “So that they might encourage/train”

- “Young” women

1. Husband-lovers, 2:4.

2. Children-lovers, 2:4.

Q: Has your wife heard you express gratefulness to God for her and her love? Have you identified the acts of love your wife demonstrates toward you? Does she know that you feel loved by her through those acts of love? Ask your wife if she feels like you expect her acts of love or appreciate her acts of love toward you.

Q: Has your wife heard you express gratefulness to God for her love for your children? Have you sat down with her to list for her the many ways you see her sacrifice in love for both you and the children? Does your wife need your encouragement to keep sacrificing in love for the children? Ask your wife if she feels weary in her acts of love for the kids. What do you need to do?

3. Sensible, 2:5a.

Q: Are you looking for a wife who has good judgment in the different arenas of her life? Do you long for your wife to be such a woman?

Q: In what ways have you seen your wife use good judgment in the home? Do you need to study your wife in this area so that you can offer her encouragement or so you can better equip her?

4. Pure, 2:5a.

Q: Are you looking for a wife who is pure in thought and deed? Do you long for your wife to be pure? Do you know what impurities tempt your wife? Do you know what avenues these impurities come at your wife (internet, social media, TV, movies, etc.)? Have you thought whether or not your leadership in your entertainment has been entertaining your wife with impurity?

Q: In what ways have you seen purity in your wife in the home? Do you need to study your wife in this area so that you can offer her encouragement or so you can better protect her?

5. Workers at home, 2:5a.

Q: Are you looking for a wife who is interested in centering her life on the work that her home will require when she is married and has kids? Do you long for your wife to be such a woman?

Q: Is it your concern to direct your wife to the work that the home requires of her? Do you know what work it is that she does or should do each day, week ("What DO you do all day?")? Ask your wife about the work that she does each day and week so you understand what is required of her (especially do this before you ask her to step away from the home to work outside – that way you know what the cost will be for her).

Q: When was the last time you thanked your wife for the work she does in the home? Do you need to become more consistent in thanking her (and God most of all!) for all she does? What's your plan to do that?

Q: Could your wife benefit from an older woman helping her think through the work that a household requires? Begin to pray about this.

6. Kind, 2:5a.

Q: Are you looking for a kind woman to be your wife and mother of your children? Do you long for your wife to be a kind woman? Are you directing her toward kindness each day?

Q: Does your wife need your help because she's feeling overwhelmed by the home and kindness is becoming increasingly difficult to extend to others in the home? What do you need to be and do for your wife to protect her from that?

7. Subject to their own husbands, 2:5a.

Q: Are you looking for a woman to be your wife who has embraced the submission God has for her in the gospel? Do you long for your wife to know and even enjoy her submission to you? Are you sacrificing yourself in love for her in such a way that endears her toward submission to you? Ask your wife what she thinks you might be able to do to make her submission to you easier, more pleasant.

III. What happens when transformed women are all they should be, 2:5b.

"The world judges the gospel, which is the heart of the word of God, by the character of the people who believe and claim to be transformed by it." MacArthur, 87

Q: Based on what you've seen of God's design for your wife, what do you think about her being involved with another woman in the church for the sake of accomplishing what Titus 2:3-5 says? What do you think is God's design for your wife right now – to come alongside a younger woman in the church or be "mentored" by an older woman in the church? What would be a gracious, Christ-honoring way of approaching this subject with your wife?