



D-2: Titus 2:3-5

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*"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."
Titus 2:3-5*

**All of the attributes of transformed women in Titus 2:3-5 are ways
in which we display the work of the gospel in our lives.**

(OPTIONAL) Memorize Titus 2:3-5 or Titus 2:11-14.

1. What is the gospel? What might you actually recall to mind when you are preaching the gospel to yourself? Please include aspects of God's character, your nature, Christ's sacrifice, and the result it has in your life today. Don't worry about making it perfect. Take a look at Titus 2:11-14 and 3:1-8 if you need some help..

2. Pray and ask God to help you identify at least one area of your life where you would like to grow in displaying Titus 2:3-5 in a more gospel-centered way, then answer the following:

a. How does God's grace in the gospel motivate me to be this way?

For example, "I tend to respond sinfully (thinking, words, actions) to interruptions. But God is kind. His kindness leads me to repentance. He has proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that He loves me and is at work only for my good by sending Jesus to bear all of His wrath against my sin. I can trust Him and submit to Him in every circumstance as a result. Kindness in the face of interruptions will show others I believe this.

b. How might that application bring honor to God's Word and display the gospel's transforming power in your life?

How might that benefit your household/family?

For example, "I hope others will be able to see that I really do believe God is trustworthy in EVERYTHING as I grow in kind thinking and responses, and that I am changing as a result of knowing Christ. My household will benefit by experiencing God's grace through me, as I treat them with kindness, and they will have an example of kindness. This will also help the overall tone of our home to be more loving."

c. Pray and ask God to help you to grow in that area. You may want to share with your husband or sister in Christ and ask them to help you, pray with you, and encourage you.

3. The kind of relationships described between women in Titus 2 are often just what "happens" in the body of Christ; they are what the gospel produces in the church. As we answer these questions, bear in mind that these do not have to be formal relationships. They can happen in many different ways. Titus 2 lends increased purpose to our relationships, and encourages us to build these kinds of relationships where they don't already exist.



God has provided Titus 2:3-5 as one means for the church to grow in godliness. Are there any ways you are being used to encourage younger women? If not, what is preventing you? For example, after this lesson, can you see areas where you need to grow in the character qualities of a godly "older woman" (understanding that we won't be DONE growing until the day of Christ Jesus)?

Do you have any older women in your life who are helping you cultivate godly character? If so, what are some of the benefits? If you don't, are you willing to ask an older woman to come along side you? (if you are married, ask your husband if he sees this as a benefit)

How are you helping the women in your household/family cultivate Titus 2 character? How are you letting them help you develop Titus 2 character?

