



Wednesday: Lesson 17

Saturday: Lesson 1

## **D2: The Home – Women Encouraging Women – Titus 2:3-5**

*The Gospel is honored through transformed older women  
training transformed young women.*

### **Introduction – context**

#### **1. What older women transformed by the gospel must be, 2:3**

1. Reverent in behavior
2. Not malicious gossips
3. Not enslaved to much wine
4. Teaching what is good

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

1. Husband-lovers
2. Children-lovers
3. Sensible
4. Pure
5. Workers at home

(Recommended listening with your husband—Scott Maxwell’s Titus 2:3-5 teaching for the men in BUILD, Dec. 3, 2011 <http://www.gbcaz.org/media/biblicaltraining/build/2011-12/20111203.mp3>)

6. Kind
7. Subject to their own husbands

### **Some principles for understanding biblical submission**

1. Submissive character is produced by God’s grace in our lives (Titus 2:11-14).
2. Submission is done in LOVE (Titus 2:4).
3. I am to submit “as to the Lord” (Eph. 5:22)—it is in obedience to the Lord, and out of trust in the Lord; it is **not** based on the worthiness of my husband.
4. Submission does **not** mean I am free to contend with his decisions, as long as I “give in” in the end.
5. Submission does **not** mean that I am to obey my husband if he wants me to sin.



6. Submission does **not** mean that I do what he wants, but I let him know by my attitude that I'm not happy about it.
7. Submission is **not** an excuse for NOT dealing biblically with my own sin and with his, as my brother in Christ (see Matthew 7—log and speck). However, godly submission will guide me to use prudence regarding when this is helpful. At times it is wise to overlook an offense (Proverbs 19:11).
8. Submission does **not** give me permission to indulge self-pity, to be self-righteous, or to have a superior attitude when my husband makes a poor decision.
9. Submission does **not** mean that I can't **respectfully, humbly** go to my husband, asking if he'd be willing to discuss something further. However, godly submission will guide me to use discretion regarding whether or not this is necessary or helpful, and to time it carefully.
10. Godly submission will be done with joy and thankfulness, not a victim's attitude.
11. Godly submission is **not** easily offended or overly sensitive. It doesn't assume the worst.
12. Godly submission agrees as often as possible (Proverbs 19:13b, "The contentions of a wife are a constant dripping.")
13. Submission is voluntary on the part of the wife; it is not the husband's responsibility to enforce it.
14. Godly submission honors my husband's preferences—it's being loyal and choosing to joyfully get behind him and support and encourage him and the things he values. His mission becomes my mission. I am his cheerleader 😊.
15. God is faithful to conform my heart to His as I earnestly seek Him in prayer for a transformed, submissive heart.

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

What we were...Titus 3:3	What the gospel produces...Titus 2:3-5; 3:1
foolish	being sensible
disobedient	submission, obedience
deceived	good teaching, being sensible
enslaved to various lusts and pleasures	reverence, purity, and freedom from enslavement; we are slaves to God! (Rom. 6:22)
spending our lives in malice and envy	hearts and words cleansed of malicious gossip; joy and contentment in the work of our homes
hateful	kindness
hating one another	love for one another, beginning in our homes

