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Lesson 11

## D2: THE HOME—TITUS 2:3-5

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Saturday, March 16, 2013

Please begin this lesson in prayer asking God to help you grow in understanding and becoming a godly woman.

1. Before your daily Bible reading one day this week, prayerfully read the words to "Speak, O Lord." (They are printed on a separate sheet of paper so that you can add them to your Wellspring songbook.) As you read God's Word, watch for passages that help you to preach the transforming power of the gospel to yourself.

For questions 1 and 2, review your notes from "The Home: Titus 2:3-5," February 23, 2013. These verses show us God's design for helping women in the church grow in godliness.

1. Think about the believing women (both older and younger) in your life. Are there ways in which these relationships reflect God's heart for our relationships, as seen in Titus 2:3-5? Where there is room for growth, what role could you play in pursuing that?

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 want to grow in being **kind** because I tend to respond sinfully (in thinking, words, or 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. What will you do differently, by God's grace?

d. 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. Read Psalm 119:113-128.

a. Observe what the Psalmist hates (verses 113, 127-128). Read 1 Kings 18:21 and James 1:8, 4:8 in their contexts. Define "double-minded."  
(If you want help, feel free to consult a dictionary.)

b. How do the Psalmist's prayers reveal that he is looking to what he loves to save and protect him from what he hates?

c. Choose one of the Psalmist's requests and write out a prayer in which you apply it to your own life.

"Speak, O Lord"

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail—  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory.