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Lesson 6 - Thurs.
Thursday, October 30, 2014

D3—MINISTRY: WOMEN ENCOURAGING WOMEN—TITUS 2:3-5

DUE:
Thursday, November 13, 2014

Begin your homework by prayerfully reading or singing "Speak, O Lord" from your Wellspring songbook. Consider the desire expressed in the song for God through His Word to transform the worshiper, and praise God for the work He does in us to enable us to live lives which protect the honor of His Word (Titus 2:5).

LOOKING BACK...

Review your notes from lesson 6, Women Encouraging Women, Titus 2:3-5 (October 25, 2014). These verses show us God's design for us as women in the church to help one another grow in godliness.

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

Which particular virtue in Titus 2:3-5 do you need to cultivate? Look up some of the following verses, then describe some ways that Christ's example in these verses can help you cultivate this virtue: Ephesians 4:31-32; 1 Peter 2: 21-3:6; Matthew 11:29; Romans 15:3; 2 Corinthians 8:9, Philippians 2:3-7; Hebrews 12:1-3.

LOOKING DAY BY DAY... (do ONE of the following)

Choose a theme from the Bible Reading Theme handout. As you progress through your reading plan, look for passages that relate to the theme you have chosen. Either mark them in your Bible or note the references in your journal, along with your observations or insights about the passage. Be ready to share with your discussion group something you've learned.

OR...

As you are continuing your daily Bible reading, look for at least one passage of Scripture that reveals the spiritual influence a woman had on her home or family. Be ready to share what you learn from her—an example to follow, or a sin to flee.

LOOKING AHEAD...

In preparation for the coming lesson; D1 Heart: The Discipline of Shepherding My Heart, evaluate how the holidays tend to affect the discipline of shepherding your heart.

If you tend to be *consistent*, why do you think that is? Take some time to thank God for this fruit of faithfulness that He has grown in you by His Spirit. How would you encourage someone who struggles with consistency, particularly during the holidays? (Write your answer below the next question.)

If you tend to be *inconsistent*, how can you prepare to grow in this discipline, particularly during the holidays? Evaluate **any** of the following questions that are helpful for you in answering this question.

- Where will I meet alone with God in His Word? Why is this a helpful choice?
- When will I meet alone with God in His Word? Will it be the same every day, or do I need a different plan for different days?
- How much time will I set aside for meeting with God in His Word? How might I use that time?
- Will the time I spend vary? Would it be helpful to plan for a smaller amount of time, with a list of ideas for how I can spend more time if it's available some days?
- What distractions do I need to plan for? How might I minimize those?
- How can I make the most of unexpected small windows of time to shepherd my heart?

Memory verse for Jerusalem Class 10/30/2014

"As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him." (Psalm 103:13)