

TITUS 2:3
Lesson #6

1. Begin with prayer. Confess any sin before you enter into studying God's Word.

Day One

2. What did you apply from last week's lesson? Share it with someone this week.
3. Read Titus 2:1-15. What group is being addressed in verse 3? Based on the context of verses 4-5, in what season in life would you discern this group to be? Then cross-reference with 1 Timothy 5:1-4,9.

4. What is the first characteristic Titus was exhorted to teach this group?

5. Look up the Greek words that Paul uses for "reverent" and "behavior." What do you learn?

Reverent – *hieroprepeis* – G2412

Behavior – *katastema* – G2688

6. Look up the verses below and list out ways a woman can be “reverent in her behavior.” What stands out as precious and important to the Lord?

1 Timothy 2:9-10

1 Timothy 5:5,10

1 Peter 3:3-4

Proverbs 31:21,25-27,30

1 Corinthians 13:5

7. Although Paul may have had a chronological age in mind for the “older woman,” you don’t need to wait until you’ve reached a certain age before you begin to build reverence into your life. This is one of God’s priorities for all Christians. As you consider the verses above carefully, list out areas in which you have seen growth in your life. Then list out areas in which you are weak and still need to grow. What are some practical steps you can take to grow in those areas? Commit to putting those steps into practice this week.

Pray:

- Pray that God will build reverence into your life as unto Him.
- Praise God for the areas He has grown you in reverence over the years.
- Confess any sin of which you were convicted and then ask God to help you put on the righteous behavior spelled out in the verses above so that you might grow in reverence and bring Him glory in your life.

Day Two

8. According to verse 3, not only is the Titus 2 Woman to be reverent in her behavior, she is not to engage in malicious gossip. Look up and define this term, which is one word in the Greek.

malicious gossips – *diabolos* – G1228

9. Read the Proverbs below and list out the effects of malicious gossip.

Proverbs 6:19

Proverbs 16:28

Proverbs 25:23

Proverbs 26:20

10. Read the verses below. For each one, describe what instructions are given to the Titus 2 Woman to guard her heart against giving in to this grievous sin.

Galatians 5:16,22-23

Ephesians 4:25

Ephesians 4:29

Philippians 4:8

Proverbs 10:19

11. Look at the chart below. Contrast the unwholesome words with edifying, graceful, timely, and truthful words. Consider the first two examples and then complete the rest of the chart with your own answers.

UNWHOLESOME OR ROTTEN WORDS	EDIFYING, GRACEFUL, TIMELY, TRUTHFUL WORDS
Janet, your husband is stupid. He doesn't know what he's doing.	Janet, it's important to consider how God wants you to respond to your husband even when he might be doing something you don't agree with and/or something disobedient. 1 Peter 3:11 teaches to give a blessing and pursue peace as opposed to returning evil for evil. Let's think of some ways you can do that.
If I were you, I'd consider separation. Do you need a good referral for a lawyer?	I know you are hurting and your circumstances are difficult, but we are called at times to suffer for doing what is right. Even our Lord suffered for doing what is right and left us an example to follow. If you look at 1 Peter 2:23, we learn that even when Christ was reviled, He did not revile in return. While suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly. Let's think through some practical ways you can be an example of Christ.
Carol, guess what I heard about Fiona?	.
#*!!@#!! I'm so furious at him, I could just scream!	
How many times have I told you not to do it that way? You're such an idiot!	

12. Write down two or three examples of times when you spoke unwholesome words, spoke too much, or succumbed to lying. For each example, based on what you have learned today, write out what you should have said instead.

Pray:

- Pray that you will be the kind of woman who guards her words carefully by putting off unwholesome or lying words, and seeks to put on words that are edifying, graceful, timely, and truthful, for the glory of God.
- Confess any sin of speaking any malicious gossip, unwholesome, or lying words. Pray that God would give you courage to confess it to the person to whom you spoke it and ask for his or her forgiveness.
- Pray for boldness and wisdom should you have to confront another who is enslaved to this grievous sin.

Day 3

13. We've learned so far from verse 3 that God's desire for the older woman is not only to be reverent in her behavior, and not a malicious gossip, but also a woman who is what? Look up and define the word "enslaved."

Enslaved – *doulo* – G1402

14. Read the verses below. How does the Bible define this behavior? Is it a sin?

Galatians 5:21

Romans 13:13

15. All Christians battle daily with whom they choose to obey. Sometimes they obey the Lord and sometimes they give into their fleshly desires, like drunkenness. Consider what Paul wrote to three other churches in Romans 6:16-18, 1 Corinthians 6:12, and Galatians 5:17 regarding enslavement and the will. What is the point he is trying to communicate? How can this be applied to someone's life who has a problem with drinking too much alcohol? How can this be applied to other fleshly indulgences, like spending too much time on the internet, eating too much, or watching too much T.V.?

16. Read 1 Corinthians 6:10-11 once more. What is the warning found in this passage for those who are enslaved to wine? What is the motivation Paul gives for pursuing righteousness?

17. Evaluate how you spend your time. If you discover that you are in bondage to anything (e.g.: internet, T.V., food), think about and plan ahead how God might want you to glorify Him in those moments instead of giving in to temptation.

I can best glorify God with this block of time by . . .

Pray:

- Pray that God would reveal to you any areas of your life in which you are enslaved.
- Pray over the plan to fight temptation which you just created.

Day 4

18. It's very clear from Scripture that God does not intend older woman to "retire" from ministry. They play such an important role in the body of Christ. Take time today to study some of the older saints in the Bible. How did God use them in the lives of others? What was their demeanor like? How old were they when they went to be with the Lord?

Deuteronomy 34:5-7

Joshua 14:6-12

Joshua 24:29

Luke 2:36-38

19. How do the verses above spur you on to continue to serve others in the church no matter what your age?
20. If you are a younger woman, with God's help are you beginning to nurture the qualities that you have studied this week? If so, how? If not, why not? If you are an older woman, are you living according to the first part of the priorities of Titus 2? If so, how? If not, why not? List out ways you can begin to live according to God's priorities as spelled out in Titus 2:3.
21. Read Titus 3:1-8. Why do we have the capacity to be reverent in our behavior, not malicious gossips, or be enslaved to much wine? Who do we praise for growth in these areas of our lives? Of what are these good works a manifestation?

Pray:

- Pray that God will give you energy and vigor to serve other women in the way in which He has called you in His Word.
- Praise God for areas in which He has already grown you, and continue to pray that He will grow you in the areas in which you are weak.
- Praise God for the gift of salvation that gives us the motivation to engage in good deeds.

Day 5

22. The last instruction given to older women in verse 3 is to “teaching what is good.” Look up this phrase. Based on what you learn about what Paul meant by this, what is Paul’s expectation?

teaching what is good – *kalodidaskalos* – G2567

23. Look up the following verses. What life-practices and/or godly characteristics will enable you to become a woman who teaches what is good?

Proverbs 13:13 & 2 Timothy 2:15

Romans 15:14 & 1 Thessalonians 5:14

Proverbs 31:12 & Ephesians 5:33

John 13:15, 1 Timothy 4:12, & Titus 2:7

Psalms 25:9, Proverbs 27:6, & Isaiah 66:1-2

Ephesians 4:11-12, Romans 12:1-8, & 1 Peter 4:10

Titus 2:4-5

24. Think of an older woman who has modeled and/or has taught you “good things.” How has this impacted your life?
25. Now that you have had time to search the Scriptures and understand some ways in which one can teach what is good to another, what do you need to work on so your life matches up with God’s expectations in this area?

Application:

26. Apply the lesson from this week by asking yourself:

a. Have I learned something new about God?

b. Is there a promise on which I can meditate today that gives me hope?

Talk to God:

Praise and thanksgiving:

Confession:

Requests for self and others: