

**TITUS 2:5**

Lesson #8

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

<b>Day One</b>
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2. What did you apply from last week's lesson? Share it with someone this week.
3. Read Titus 2:3-5. In verse 5, what are the five remaining characteristics of a Christian wife in which the older women are to encourage the younger women to live out as unto the Lord?
4. Why must a Christian wife have careful conduct in the world? What is the motivation or purpose behind this?
5. Look up the word Paul uses for "sensible." What do you learn?

Sensible -- *sphoron* – G4998

6. Read the passages below, which address a biblical view of being "sensible." Write down how these verses apply to you as a wife and/or mother in helping you nurture a sensible life that honors God and encourages other women in the same way.

Ephesians 5:15-17 Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

*As a wife and/or mother this encourages me to be sensible by . . .*

Proverbs 19:14 House and wealth are an inheritance from fathers, but a prudent wife is from the Lord.

*As a wife and/or mother this encourages me to be sensible by . . .*

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

*As a wife and/or mother this encourages me to be sensible by . . .*

7. As you think through what it truly means to be sensible, consider areas in your own life where you are not being sensible. This could include, but is not limited to, how you choose to spend your time and energy. List some of these areas, and then write next to them how they might hinder your primary ministry at home and/or your service at church. What should you do instead?

8. Think about the areas you listed above and the practical steps you need to take to improve:
- Older Women:** List four practical ways to encourage a younger woman to “to be sensible.” For example, “Before she makes a commitment to something outside of her primary responsibilities at home, I would encourage her to spend time praying for wisdom, asking her husband his opinion in the matter, and contemplating how it will affect her primary ministry at home.”
- Younger Women:** In what practical ways do you think you need to be encouraged to be sensible? For example, “I need to consult with my husband in order to cut my extracurricular activities in half.” Write down the names of one or two older women to whom you can go for this encouragement, and/or for help in evaluating how you are spending your time.

*Pray:*

- Pray that God will help you to nurture a lifestyle that reflects sensibility as unto the Lord.
- Pray that God will help you evaluate whether or not your priorities are truly biblical.

<b>Day Two</b>
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9. According to verse 5, what is the second characteristic that an older woman can help a younger woman to be?
  
10. Look up the Greek word Paul uses for this characteristic (*hagnos* -- G53). What do you learn?
  
11. Purity does not only reflect an outward chastity or modesty. Read Matthew 15:18-20. What does purity also entail? With what is Jesus primarily concerned?
  
12. Read the verses below. In what ways could you encourage a friend or younger woman toward purity with her husband? Feel free to add additional verses. Try to be as practical as possible.

Philippians 4:8

Romans 14:12-14

Additional Verses:

*Pray:*

- Pray that the Lord will help you to discover with what you are primarily filling your mind.
- Confess any sin of impurity whether that is an outward action or an inward action.
- Pray that God would help you to apply the verses in this lesson (Philippians 4:8 & Romans 14:12-14).
- Pray that out of love for Christ, you will begin to nurture purity in your life.

Day 3
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13. We've learned so far from verse 5 that part of teaching what is good has to do with sensibility and purity. What is the next characteristic listed?
  
14. Look up the Greek word for this characteristic (*oikourgos* -- G3626). What do you learn?
  
15. To further illustrate this idea, read through Proverbs 31:10-31. What do you learn about the Proverbs 31 Woman as a worker at home?

*As a "worker at home," this wife's husband has...(vv. 10-11, 22)*

*As a "worker at home," this wife pursues...(vv. 12, 19)*

*As a "worker at home," this wife delights in...(vv. 13-15, 27)*

*As a "worker at home," this wife is a...(vv. 16-18, 25)*

*As a "worker at home," this wife is not selfish but...(vv. 19-22, 24)*

*As a "worker at home," this wife guides her family with...(v. 26)*

*As a “worker at home,” this wife’s character is observed by... (vv. 28-29)*

*As a “worker at home,” this wife’s motivation behind being excellent is... (vv. 30-31)*

16. I hope you get the idea that being a “worker at home” does not mean being a “prisoner at home☺.” Caring for and guiding the home is the idea. However, as you contemplate this ministry for the wife and/or mother, what are some of the messages the world throws at you that seek to counteract this? How might you guard against those lies?
  
17. Think through your day or your week. Based on what you have learned so far, cite some examples where you have actively put the truths found in Proverbs 31:10-31 into action. Would you say that overall, you are a “worker at home,” or striving to be? List out some examples of where you are doing well and examples where you need to grow. Keep in mind that the Proverbs 31 Woman did not attain those characteristics all at once. It is a reflection of one who has learned over a period of time.

*Pray:*

- Pray that you will re-evaluate whether or not you are excited about and striving toward being a worker at home as unto the Lord.
- Confess any sin of not being a worker at home. Ask God to help you to discern what you need to change in this area so you can begin to engage in your primary ministry.
- Pray that out of love for Christ, you will commit to being a worker at home in ways that are described and evidenced by the wife in Proverbs 30:10-31.

Day 4

18. The fourth priority listed in verse 4 is important to God for wives, mothers, and even elders in the church (cf. Titus 1:8). What is it?
  
19. Look up and define this virtuous priority (*agathos* -- G18). What do you learn?
  
20. Practically speaking, how can we nurture and practice the law of kindness (goodness) with our husbands, our children, the household of God, and unbelievers? Read the following verses and answer in that context.

1 Timothy 5:5,8,10

Galatians 6:10

1 Thessalonians 3:12, 4:9 & 2 Thessalonians 1:3

Romans 12:9-21

*Pray:*

- Pray that God will help you to obey Scripture by practicing kindness toward your family, your church family, and unbelievers.
- Praise God for your salvation, which gives you the capacity to be kind toward others.
- Confess any sin of which you were convicted today and ask for courage to ask for forgiveness, if required.

Day 5
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21. What is the last characteristic listed in verse 5 that women are to emulate as a reflection of good works in their lives? Look it up and write down what you have learned (*hypotasso* – G5293).
  
22. What does it mean, and not mean, that a wife submits to her husband as unto the Lord? If you need help formulating a biblical answer, see Ephesians 5:22-24, Philippians 2:5-8, Colossians 3:18, and Genesis 2:18. What are some practical ways to nurture this virtue?
  
23. What are some hindrances to being subject to our own husbands? What, if any, confusing counsel have you received concerning this? Of what does the world try to convince you in regards to submission to your husband? Is this exhortation of submission just limited to wives married to believing husbands (1 Peter 3:1-6)?

24. As Christian women, we can either bring honor or dishonor to God's Word by how we live out Titus 2:4-5. What spiritual fruit do we hope to see as a result of honoring God in this way?

Spiritual fruit in our marriages (Ephesians 5:23-24):

Spiritual fruit with our children (Ephesians 6:1-2):

Spiritual fruit with anyone in the world with whom we interact (1 John 13:34-35):

25. By manifesting these qualities into our lives as wives and mothers, what are we preventing according to Paul? How might this earn the respect of outsiders? To what could this ultimately lead?

*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 on today that gives me hope?

*Talk to God:*

Praise and thanksgiving:

Confession:

Requests for self and others: