

## DOING GOOD: "Young and In Love, Part 1"

### INTRODUCTION

- **Younger women:** this phrase is best taken to refer to young wives and mothers, those who are less experienced in life and marriage and parenting.
- The teaching in Titus 2:3-5 is **counter-cultural** in a time when modern feminism is influential in society.

#### Introductory Comments:

#### A. **The Word of the LORD stands forever** (Isaiah 40:8)

- Morality is not fluid. Morality is fixed because the Word of the LORD is fixed forever in heaven.
- We must allow the Word of God to transform our thinking (Romans 12:1-2).

#### B. **Marriage is honorable and good** (Genesis 2:24)

- Contrary to the view of modern feminism, marriage is not a "form of slavery for women as a means of their subjugation and subordination".

#### C. **Remember to fight your fallenness** (Genesis 3:16)

- "*Your desire shall be for your husband*": Post-fall, because of sin, a woman will seek to control her husband and a husband will seek to dominate over his wife.

#### D. **A woman can reverse the fall through motherhood and marriage** (1 Timothy 2:15).

- "*Yet she will be saved through childbearing*": Not a reference to salvation from sin. Motherhood is not an act of atonement.

"The woman through childbearing can be rescued from the shame and the stain of the fall that she was party to through Eve." (De Courcy)

### QUALITIES OF A GODLY YOUNG WOMAN (TITUS 2:3-5)

#### A. **Her Counsel (v.3)**

- The word **admonish (v.3)** carries the idea of being "sensible, moderate, restrained". Related to the word "sober-minded".
- Older women need to come alongside younger women and say gently yet firmly: "*Wise up. You can't do that. You can't think that.*"

#### Applications:

#### 1. Younger women must not be **controlled by their emotions.**

- The biblical order is think, act and then feel. (Not: feel, act, and then think).
- Practical example: don't wait until you feel like coming to church. Come to church and then your feelings will follow.

#### 2. Younger women should **embrace the thought** that "*I have so much to learn from older women.*"

- "Find someone who will show you the way": younger women should be open to the teaching, reproof and correction of older women in the church. (Jeremiah 6:16).

# Sermon Application Questions

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## REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

## PERSONAL RESPONSES

1

Take a moment to read **Titus 2:3-5** carefully. Do you agree with the statement that the teaching of these verses is counter-cultural to the influences of today's society? In what ways does the teaching of this passage differ from the standards of the world?

2

Pastor Philip gave the charge to women in the church: "you need to develop yourself so that you can disciple others. Don't just develop yourself for just your own family. Develop yourself for other women."

What are some practical ways that a woman in the church can pursue this vision? (Hint: Think through how a Christian woman might develop both in areas of **doctrine** and **character**).

## DIGGING DEEPER

1

Take some time and reflect on some of the key passages related to this week's sermon. Ask the Lord for help in making application of these truths to your life.

### **Proverbs 12:1**

Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid.

### **Proverbs 13:18**

Poverty and disgrace come to him who ignores instruction, but whoever heeds reproof is honored.

### **Proverbs 15:31-32**

The ear that listens to life-giving reproof will dwell among the wise. Whoever ignores instruction despises himself, but he who listens to reproof gains intelligence.

### **Isaiah 40:7-8**

The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

### **Jeremiah 6:16**

Thus says the LORD: "Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'"

### **Romans 12:2**

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

### **1 Timothy 2:14-15**

and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. Yet she will be saved through childbearing – if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

2

**Read Titus 2:1-15 in its entirety.** How does the teaching of Titus chapter 2 relate to Paul's instruction in chapter 1? What would a church look like if it applied the teaching of both of these chapters?

This week, pray for our church that we would be “doers of the word” and faithfully obey the instruction of this epistle.

## PERSONAL APPLICATION

1

Meditate on the call of older women in the church to **admonish** the younger women (Titus 2:3). As Pastor Philip explained, this word (*sophronizo*) carries the idea of being “sensible, moderate, restrained” and is related to the word “sober-minded.” The literal rendering of this verb is: “teach to be sober”. Take a moment to reflect on the following questions:

- A. What type of person do you need to be in order to **give** this type of instruction?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. What type of person do you need to be in order to **receive** this type of instruction?

2

Pastor Philip taught us that while emotions are not wrong, they must be disciplined so that they are not the controlling factor in life. Think of an area of life where you are prone to responding emotionally. How would you use the **Think – Act – Feel** template to bring your emotions under control?

Remember: Pastor Philip gave us an example of how to use this template in relation to church attendance. E.g. “If I act on my feelings I may not attend church today. If I attend church, my emotions will be changed”.

- A. **THINK:** What are the biblical truths that should guide my thinking in this area?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. **ACT:** How can I practically obey Scripture, regardless of how I feel about it?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- C. **FEEL:** What are the emotions that will follow if I am faithful to obey God's Word?