



Titus 2:1-5 for 10.15.15

Walk Together

Come on let's Walk Together and learn from Titus about Connecting The Generation & Why.

6 PM Leaders Prayer we'll have the Teleios Ladies with us tonight, not sure how many will be here, but will be setting them at some of your tables. Ok?

6:15 SHiNE Refresh

6:35 Worship: Anna & Charity

*Tonight we are honored to have with us the young ladies from Teleios!
WELCOME! Thank you Deborah & Penelope for being with us!

*I think we have every generation accounted for with us tonight & I LOVE IT!

6:55 Testimony Nugget: Ally Baker

7:05 Announcements: Mark your calendars for Dec. 2nd, bring your Moms', Daughter's & Granddaughter's 10 & up for a wonderful time! There's only room for 112 of us, so get your name in the hat! For our 1st SHiNE Christmas Tea!

Also

***Next week Liz will be unpacking Titus 2:6-10**

And Chandler Holt will be here to share with us for a few minutes at the end of my talk.

7:10 Pray for H.S. to come & walk with us/ Daniel with the young men in Teleios

7:15 Teach

7:40 Chandler Holt

7:45 D- SHiNE Groups ;)

Titus 2:1-5 “Doing Good for the Sake of the Gospel

AMP 2¹ But as for you, teach the things which are in agreement with sound doctrine [which produces men and women of good character whose lifestyle identifies them as true Christians].

²Older men are to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in steadfastness [Christlike in character].

³Older women similarly are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor addicted to much wine, teaching what is right *and* good,

⁴so that they may encourage the young women to tenderly love their husbands and their children,

⁵to be sensible, pure, makers of a home [where God is honored], good-natured, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.”

Titus 2:1-5 (NIV) **2:1** “You, however, must teach what is appropriate to sound doctrine. ²Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance.

³Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. ⁴Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children, ⁵to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.”

Ladies! In these 5 vs. there is humongous wisdom and direction for our lives!!!

***If I said next week you are to come prepared for a theological discussion in our groups about sound doctrine. Would you imagine like that would be a practical conversation or a more lofty theological discussion?**

-That's the difference in the way man thinks and God thinks!

-These verses are not just to Titus, but to you and me! God has not changed His mind as to what makes for solid doctrine.

*In these 5 verses God has given us 14 directives to bring glory to Him so that the Word of God is not maligned or looked down on.

-Have you ever wondered why Christian doctrines are failing and why so many look down on God's Message and The Church today?

-Looking here at verses 1 & 5 we see clearly why:

Vs. 1 says to **teach sound doctrine**.

Vs. 5 says, **so that the Word of God is not maligned or looked down on**.

*Pretty simple isn't it? Not rocket science! There's no degrees required, just simple obedience to God's Word!

-Since Paul is telling us to teach sound doctrine, then...

*What's sound doctrine?

Eph. 4:14 NKJV "that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine (or teaching), by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,"

Story: When I was about 9, I saw an advertisement for a **Moped** on TV for \$295. I actually called on it because I thought it was for \$2.95, as a child I didn't know, I was filtering it through an immature grid, believing whatever is said because I was not founded on truth, but desire and emotion.

When I called and found out it was \$295. I was so disappointed! How often do we act on unsound teaching and are disappointed at the results in our lives. ?

Sound doctrine is teaching that instructs us in what is right, so we can live aright! It's the way we see the world through the lens of God's Word & design.

*God is communicating here the importance of how we live with those closest to

us! Let's look at what it says in these verses sandwiched between verses 1 & 5.

-We're building a sandwich...

-As we read these core verses **think to yourself, "God is saying to me this is how I'm to live to honor Him & bring glory to His Word."**

***Ask the Lord to help you, as none of us can do this merely in our own strength!**

Sound doctrine is about being self-controlled, loving, patient and faithful. It's not about lofty theological conversations, but rather how we live out our lives before those closest to us. It's about setting an example by doing good.

Vs. 2 gives us the qualities for older men, they "are to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in steadfastness [Christlike in character]."

These are the qualities we pray for our husbands and men; and qualities we look for to be blossoming in younger men.

If you are praying for a husband or are younger and married to a younger man; realize these are characteristics of older men, it's taken time for them to develop in these. Part of our development as women comes through trusting God, praying for our husbands and sons to be the men God created them to be, while being loving and kind with them as they develop into the men God has called them to be.

*Just as we desire them to be loving and kind with us as we develop into the women God has called us to be.

I really like the way the NIV unpacks

Vs. 3, "Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. "

*Paul is instructing Titus to teach the older women!

-We need the leaders of the Church and our husbands to teach us, are we teachable?

-Are we asking our husbands and leaders to teach us, to impart wisdom to us, to impart wisdom from God to us? Or do we feel like we have all the answers?

Solid doctrine has to do with older women being reverent in the way they live, using their words and conversations to encourage and build up others, drinking only a little wine if any, and teaching what is good.

-This is a process that takes a life time of submitting to God, His Word and her husband in the classic disciplines of the home as a wife and mother. Young women should not be discouraged that they have not arrived at this place, because it takes many years to be an older woman.

Although; younger women who seek out older wiser mentors can experience these qualities sooner than later.

You have met them, they have a, “old soul”, and they are wise beyond their years because they have submitted themselves to be teachable in the joys and challenges of life.

*Why are the older women to live this way?

The #1 reason

Vs. 4 says “so that they may encourage the young women to

tenderly love their husbands and (#2 to) their children,"

~ Of which we can only do if we ask the Lord to work in our hearts to set us free from wounds inflicted on us, lies, and/or selfishness. Making God our Lord, and Jesus the one we live like.

*How do we tenderly love our husbands? If we will **honor** the position of authority God has given him with respectful ways, we will demonstrate love to him with actions and attitudes that are meaningful to him.

For men that's easy, food and oneness rank pretty high for most men!
Preparing food that they like and that is good for them is loving them.

-For Denny, he really likes sauerkraut, and the kind with live culture is super expensive, so I learned how to make it. Brain dead easy and cheap! This has played into my favor, because it makes for a really easy dinner we have most nights. Just mix in some meat, onions, olive oil and maybe some spices and I have a happy man eating food that helps him be a little healthier.

If we have choices to make, why not make better ones?!

*When it comes to oneness, it's all about Intimacy isn't it?

Intimacy = In To Me See

For men it's simple; **Into**-Me, See.

For women it's not so simple; Into- me- **SEE**.

Tenderly loving our husbands is to picture Christ and the Church!

***Tenderly loving our children** is to first be obedient to God in our own lives, to tenderly love our husbands, live out sound doctrine, use life giving words, be self-controlled and teach good things, be sensible, pure, making a

home where God is honored, being good natured & kind as we submit ourselves to our husbands authority.

Who has seen the movie, "War Room"? This movie well depicts this!

*What is it to **Encourage**- To put courage in!

When a younger woman sees an older woman live out these qualities in her life, and tenderly love her husband and children, it gives her hope that she may be able to do the same, and gives her an example of how she might do it.

-When I talk to many young women about marriage, they are reluctant because of their parent's marriage. Mom's, what are we modeling for our daughters, it's sobering isn't it?!

Vs. 5 "to be sensible (NIV-self-controlled), pure, makers of a home [where God is honored], good-natured (NIV-kind), being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored." AMP

To be sensible is to be of sound mind, sane, reasonable, discreet, moderate, & self-controlled.

Pure is to be clean, modest, chaste, perfect. One who is wholly united and given to God.

Makers of a home [where God is honored) takes all the qualities, gifts & talents God has given a woman with diligent, productive care & prayer to cultivate a home where the husband & children can enjoy, be at peace and thrive. God gave us the home before the Church, & all the qualities for leadership are learned or honed in the home. It is the most sacred and influential institution in the world.

Abraham Lincoln says it well, "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world". Why would we ever give up such a sacred role?!

Good-natured & kind speaks of an attitude that is pleasant and cooperative, gentle, good and patient.

To be subject to their own husbands directs women to honor their husbands by respecting their authority and making room for them to lead in their homes and be the head in marriage.

14 Directives That Bring God Glory

- Teach what makes for sound doctrine.

* ! If we will ask God to help us do 2 – 14, we will be teaching SOUND DOCTRINE & The Word of God will not be looked down on!

- Be teachable
- Be reverent in the way we live
- Not slanders
- Not drinking much wine
- Encouraging younger women
- To tenderly love their husbands
- To tenderly love their children
- To teach what is good
- To be sensible
- To be pure
- To be makers of a home [where God is honored]
- To be good natured & kind
- To be subject to their own husbands

~ WHY? ~

SO THAT THE WORD OF GOD IS NOT LOOKED DOWN ON!

*Did you know that Titus 2:3-5 is a chiasm?

Barbara Mouser introduced me to the literary genius of God in how he uses chiasms in the Bible with these verses here in Titus. In May of last year at a conference in Barbara's home church and ministry center in Waxahachie, TX she faithfully taught a powerful seminar on, "Entrusting Treasures", Consolidating Lifetime Riches for Faithful Women.

Barbara says, "In these verses it gives us four topics – husband, children, and home, with purity at the center. This is the subject matter of domesticity- homemaking and building." As a chiasm it gives us an a/b/c/d/c/b/a structure.

Let's look at a beautiful Chiasm that Barbara Mouser illustrated for us at Entrusting Treasures:

***SHOW PICTURE:** Point out how PURITY is at the top and is a fountain head that flows down over home, children and husband.

-From Titus 2, who are the older woman? Does she have to be over 70, 60, 50,40... an older woman in many cases has to do with your age, and she is a woman who is a little farther down "The Road" of life than you.

A girl who is 10 is a little farther down The Road than one who is 8. Encourage your daughters with this mindset to look for an older wiser woman in her life and to be an older wiser woman in the life of another.

MENTOR (One we learn from & walk together with)

One who walks alongside to help show the way & pray. They may be close friends, older wiser women in our life or one whose writings have inspired us and has been a light to show the way through life's many seasons of joy and pain.

-“Mentor is defined as someone who guides another to greater success.” by YourDictionary

I'm thankful for the women who have mentored me & been an example for me to learn from and some who have spoken wisdom and love into my life since I was a little girl. Here is a list of some of the women who have greatly influenced my life. They

are all older wiser women whom I have watched, learned from, worked with and passed on what I've learned from them in some way.

*I could spend our entire time talking about each one of these incredible ladies and all I've learned from their lives and the **sound doctrine** they have taught me.

- 1) My Mom (Authentic, Vulnerable & Long Suffering)
- 2) Aunt Vi (Servant Saint & Forgiveness)
- 3) My Grandmothers Babe & Buddy (gracious & healthy eating)
- 4) Betty Brinson Johnston (Word of Love & the Power of the Cross)
- 5) Barbara Mouser (Biblical Gender & Dedicated Teacher)
- 6) Phyllis Stanley (Love of the Word, Discipleship, & Model of Godly Femininity through the stages of life & how to make live sauerkraut!)

We also have peer mentors whom we walk with through life's joys and pains together.

- 1) Liz Holt from 2006 – now (Vulnerability & Wisdom in the Home & Church).
- 2) Jan Inman (Unconditional Love & Care of Women)

*My list could go on with God's gracious gifts of friends that are mentors & mentors that are friends!

STORY: In some way this story gives an example of how these ladies have multiplied my time and aspects of their lives have been duplicated in my life.

On Oct. 7th, we took our son Austin and his wife Brianna out to Biaggi's for their birthdays, they are 24, graduated from UCCS and leaving for Korea the beginning of Nov. to teach English. They were sharing with us how the couple they will be replacing is a friend of Brianna's and they will be training them the first 3 weeks after arriving in Soul. They will teach them the ins and outs of the school and the area, where the good restaurants are, the places to go and not go, they'll introduce them to their friends, places of worship ...

What it took this couple 2 years to figure out they will pour into Austin and Brianna in 3 weeks!

There are so many benefits of being humble, teachable and under authority. It can save us from a world of hurt and propel us forward beyond our years. It multiplies our time and duplicates our efforts.

*Last week we asked the question, where are the mentors?

-The Road is a church that is full of wise women and you ladies are many of them. You may be here looking for wisdom and that is the sign of a woman who is FAT: Faithful, Able/Available & Teachable.

A mentor is one who has traveled a road before us, she has been faithful, available and teachable. She is not perfect, but one who has been, and still is in the process of being conformed more into the image of Christ. She is one who is willing to be vulnerable in the process of both victories and challenges in life.

You see, the Bible is full of great victories and great mistakes, God knows we need both to learn from, and if we are wise we will learn from others mistakes so we don't have to make them ALL ourselves.

What if sharing the victory God has given me in my sin with another can help keep them from doing the same, this is one way God redeems my sin for His glory and another's benefit. Why do you think God asks us to share our sins w/ another?

In a paper, ***Mentoring: Passing the Mantle***, by Dr. Tim Elmore, he speaks of two learning models.

"TWO LEARNING MODELS..."

Just a few short generations after Jesus mentored His twelve disciples—the Church became lazy and institutional. It relied on professional clergy to do the work. In short, the Church began to embrace a radically different model for making disciples. Instead of mentoring individuals (in small groups or one-to-one relationships), Christians began to adopt the “Greek” model of learning. Slowly, the Hebrew model began to fade...as did our hopes of “making disciples of all nations.” Note the differences between these two models below:

GREEK

“Classroom Model”

ACADEMIC

PASSIVE

THEORETICAL

HEBREW

“Coach Model”

RELATIONAL

EXPERIENTIAL

ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

[*This is both a vision & value of The Road, and by God’s grace we are making a way for wholeherred disciples of Christ to grow and flourish..]

- We must return to the mentoring model Jesus gave us if the church growth movement is actually going to expand the Kingdom.
- We must commit ourselves to reproduce and multiply.

Remember: SUCCESS WITHOUT A SUCCESSOR...IS A FAILURE

A DEFINITION FOR MENTORING...

This definition was first developed by Paul Stanley and Robert Clinton in excellent book, *Connection* . It reads as follows:

Mentoring is a relational experience where one person

empowers another by sharing God given resources.
The goal is spiritual reproduction

After researching much of what's been taught and written on the subject, I've concluded that "one perfect mentor" does not exist.

Often, we feel guilty because we don't minister to people like someone we admire—and we give up before we've even begun."

What if I gave up because I wasn't as good at mentoring as Phyllis?

HOW many heartaches can be comforted and even avoided with the divine connection of a mentor. I know Phyllis Stanley has been for me, as for many, a godly woman who has lived well the gospel in such a way that I have been encouraged and equipped. Her vulnerability and transparency in the joys and challenges of her life and mine, have written hope upon the chambers of my heart and life.

Will you consider, **walking together**, by praying about being a mentor and/or seeking a mentor?

*We live with one hand extended forward to those who go before us and with one hand extended back for those who are coming up behind.

***SAVE 5 min. for Chandler at end of my talk.**