

The Young Women Of Titus 2 ~ Disciples in the Making

Last week we learned that God has a plan to use the older women in the church to teach the younger women about “good things.” We also learned that it is His desire that these older women live their lives in such a way that the **pattern of their lives** would reflect the *authenticity* of the “good things” in which He wanted the younger ones to learn. Teaching others about how to live for God is what the Bible calls **discipleship**, and discipleship is God’s special ministry for older Christians.

Please turn with me to the book of Titus, and let’s read chapter 2, verses 3-5 in preparation for our study.

In verse 3, God’s Word tells us that we are to be “teachers of good things.” What does it mean to be a teacher of good things?

The Greek word for this phrase is *kalodidaskalos*, and it means “teacher of the right.” God is making it very clear in this verse that older women of the church are to be teachers of the **right things** to the younger women around them.

What do verses 4 and 5 tell us that these right things are?

Who do you think are the younger women of the church?

When I studied this word in the Greek, I discovered that it meant “youthful, new, or fresh”. God is telling us that the young women are those that are young, new to the faith, and fresh in their desire to learn. Who are the new or fresh women of the church? They are the ones that have just gotten saved!

In verse 4, God reminds us **again** that He wants the older Christian women of the church to **teach** the women about good things. It wasn’t enough for Him to tell us to be “*teachers of good things*”, He wanted to make it clear that we know we are supposed to “*teach them*” as well. What are some of the ways that we can teach others?

One way is by our example. How do we teach by example?

Another way is by our words. How are words used to teach others?

A third way is by our instruction. How can instruction be used to teach others?

It is God’s desire that the younger women of the church ***be trained on purpose***. *This is what true discipleship is all about.* It is not just about being nice, making friends, or helping people out. It is about taking the time to **teach them** about the Word of God and **train them** how to live according to it.

And this is the ministry that God desires to give to the older women of the church.

But you know what? The only ones that He will be able to use are the ones that are willing to be qualified. And how are we qualified? By living a holy and obedient life according to His Word.

Dear friend, are you willing to give up your love for the world and your desire to please yourself so that God can use you to teach others how to live for Him? Are you willing to let go of your own agenda and give your life to help God accomplish His? Are you willing to take the time to live a holy life so that you will know how to instruct others to do so too?

There are so many women in the church that need to learn about the way life REALLY works. Many of them live confused and defeated lives because they don't have a clue how to apply the Word of God to their everyday life. They need someone to help them . . . and God says that WE (the older women of the church) should be the ones to do it.

Next week we will begin to study "the good things" that God wants the younger woman to learn.

Hope to see you next week!

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