

Wednesday Night Fellowship Discussion Guide
8/17/22

Titus 2:4-5

⁴ and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, ⁵ to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.

Passage Summary

Paul calls Titus to teach what is fitting with sound doctrine in Titus 2:1 and Titus 2:2-10 puts forward what godliness looks like on a practical level. He considers the mature in vv.2-3, young women in vv.4-5, and then young men in vv.6-8. His address to young men also serves to provide a portrait of godliness for teachers as well. Finally, Paul turns to the most disadvantaged in the household, the slaves or bondservants of vv.9-10. Paul's goal in all of this is to help Titus realize the need to teach not just doctrine but also what practical actions ought to accompany the teaching of Jesus the Christ. Both healthy doctrine and godly living must have as its basis the grace of God and what God has done through Jesus His Son. Therefore Paul reminds Titus of the basis for godly living in vv.11-14.

For our discussion tonight, we will focus on Titus 2:4-5, specifically young women within the church.

Discussion Questions

Learning to love

Titus 2:3-4

³ Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, ⁴ and so train the young women to love their husbands and children,

Consider the call of Paul to the church at Crete to invest in each other. What other passages of Scripture call believers to operate in a similar manner?

What factors exist that make it challenging for a person to invest in the lives of others? What can a church do to reduce or resolve those challenges?

Why is it necessary for a young woman to be taught how to love her husband and children?

How would the active love of a woman looking to follow the commands of Scripture and the character of our God look different than the active love of someone who is not pursuing after God?

What are some practical ways for a wife to actively love her husband?

What are some practical ways for a mother to actively love her children?

Learning to limit

Titus 2:5

⁵ to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.

Identify areas of life in which young women commonly need to develop and maintain self-control.

If someone is struggling with self-control in some area of their life, what are some practical steps that person can take to develop self-control?

In the struggle to remain pure does gender play a role? Is purity mainly a male problem? If it is not, then how does that struggle for purity look different for women than for men if at all?

What are some practical steps a woman can take in her battle for purity?

Learning to labor

Titus 2:5

⁵ to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.

“Working at home” is a reference to young women being good managers of their household, seeking to build an earthly home that is reflective of our heavenly home.

What are some delights and blessings of our heavenly home that we ought to mimic in our earthly homes? What are some practical ways for us to accomplish that goal?

What are some misinterpretations of “working at home” of which we should be careful? What principles or precepts or examples from the Bible help us to debunk these misinterpretations?

Discuss what Paul could have had in mind when he told Titus to encourage godly mature women to teach younger women to be “kind” or “good”. What good actions and kind endeavors might the young women of Crete accomplish? How can young women apply the same truth to the present day?

Learning to live

Titus 2:5

⁵ to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.

Why is it important for wives to be submissive to their husbands?

Does the fact that the Bible calls young women to submit to the leadership of their husbands say something about their value?

What guidance does the Bible give to husbands in regard to how they ought to lead their wives? Why is that not addressed here in this passage?

Letting someone else lead is easy when there are no disagreements, how should a wife respond to her husband when there are disagreements?