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Becoming a Titus 2 Woman by Marie McColm



I was not raised in a Christian home so the Bible and the instructions for godly living were foreign to me when God saved me at the age of 29. As I began to read His word and grow in sanctification, I was disturbed by the instructions in Titus chapter 2 for women. I was a single woman without children, with a feminist worldview that did not jive with the dreaded “S” word (SUBMISSION) found throughout the Bible, but especially in Titus 2. What did Paul’s instruction in Titus have to do with me? I couldn’t actually be expected to obey this, could I?

As I grew to know God and His heart more, I began to trust that His instructions for His church and the family were for my benefit. When Russ and I were engaged to be married, I knew that I needed to have my mind renewed and my heart submitted to God’s plan for our marriage. Thankfully, I did not have to figure it out on my own. As I studied Titus 2, I realized that I needed the guidance of an older, godly woman. I have been blessed enough to have three women disciple me in my early years of marriage. I observed from each of them that they read their Bibles, respected their husbands, and were raising their children in God’s word. I understood that godliness doesn’t just happen like osmosis—it has to be intentionally cultivated. That’s how I understand the imperative in Titus 2:3-5, for older women to train the next generation of Christ-honoring women.

The model for Titus 2 is for godly older women to train the younger women, so that they might someday be godly older women. Even though I was a young believer, new wife, and not-yet mother, I knew I could grow in that area.

Older women

likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.

(Titus 2:3-5)

The various women I met with over the course of 5 or so years read the Bible with me, prayed with me, shared their experiences and wisdom, and encouraged me to follow in their footsteps. We studied things like Ephesians 5, Proverbs 31 and Psalm 119. I was growing in my role as a wife and then mother, but my primary identity was as a follower of Christ. That was essential in remembering that my submission to my husband was to be “as to the Lord” (Ephesians 5:22), “that the word of God may not be reviled.” (Titus 2:5)

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This changed my understanding of my relationship with my husband and children. My actions would reflect on my testimony of God's grace in my life to change me and give me a new heart.

Some memorable advice I received from these godly older women included:

- **I always answer the phone when my husband calls. He is busy providing for our family and if he needs my attention during the day, I will respond no matter if I am in a meeting or on a call with someone else. I give my husband the priority.**
- **Whenever my husband and I have an argument, we agree that neither one of us can leave the house in anger. We do not avoid dealing with the conflict, and always resolve it before we go to bed.**
- **Whenever possible, we go to bed at the same time. We may not fall asleep at the same time, but we end our day together.**
- **Make intimacy a priority. It is essential for the health of your marriage.**
- **As you raise children together, study the Bible, pray together, teach them to serve the church, have chores, work hard, have high expectations, and don't be embarrassed to be affectionate in front of them.**

I appreciated that these women showed me how to apply these Scriptures (among others):

- ♥ **Proverbs 31:12, 27**
- ♥ **I Corinthians 7:4-5**
- ♥ **Ephesians 5:22-24**

Now as a wife and mother of three children, I am reminded to continue to grow in this area. There are many examples in the Bible and in history of women who did not love their husbands and children well, who were slanderers, were boastful and unwilling to submit to God's leadership in their lives, were not self-controlled or pure, and allowed chaos to permeate their home rather than being the guardians and keepers of the home.

While feminist liberalism can be seen in the culture and sometimes even in the church, I desire to continue to grow in what God declares as what is good for His church and the family. *I pray that many other women at WMBC will join me in the sanctifying journey, both older and younger women, "that the word of God may not be reviled" (Titus 2:5).*



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