



CHAPTER SEVEN WORD-FILLED WOMEN'S MINISTRY TITUS 2

Psalm 78:1-7

“Give ear, Oh, my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the word of my mouth! I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments; and that they should not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God... They did not keep God's covenant but refused to walk according to his law. They forgot his works and the wonders that he had shown them.”

Titus 2:3-5

“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.”

Susan Hunt:

1. Titus 2 is much more than a buddy system that pairs younger and older women. Titus 2 is about being our sister's keeper and discipling her to live for God's glory according to his Word.”
2. Titus 2 is one part of the church's obedience to the Great Commission.
3. Titus 2 is about being life givers by renewing the mind so that we see the magnitude of this magnificent mandate.

I. Letter to the younger women - Susan Hunt:

A. Titus 2 - Covenantal Discipleship

“Young women need godly women who prayerfully and continually point them to the sufficiency of Scripture to transform them from life-takers to life-givers.”

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1. Being mentored is educational, relational, and transformational.
2. Women need godly, mature women to teach them.
3. Women need women to share their lives.
4. Women need a spiritual mother, helper, life-giver.

B. Mentoring in our homes: TD

1. Scripture does not support mentoring others and neglecting mentorship within our own homes. Deuteronomy 6:1-9
2. Mentoring in our home is not always glamorous.
3. We don't often see immediate results.
4. We can mentor others as we mentor our own children. We become family with the body of believers through our covenant in Christ. 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8, "But we were gently among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us."

II. Letter to the mature women - Kristie Anyabwille:

Who is the mature woman? Numbers 8:25-26, Ruth 1:1-4, Proverbs 16:31, Proverbs 20:29, Isaiah 46:4, Luke 1:36-45,56, 1Timothy 5:9-10) past the years of childbearing, retirement years.

A. To the Mature: Don't let super high expectations discourage you from mentoring: Younger women are off balance when they view the mature mentor only as:

1. Mother figure
2. Resident theologian
3. Pro bono counselor/Holy Spirit
4. Girlfriend/Social buddy

B. To the Mature: We need more than practical instruction.

"If the mentoring focuses solely on our roles and conduct, we will fail to grasp the greater redemptive purpose in our practice. We will fail to root our endeavors in the gospel."

1. We will fail to have our character shaped by the Spirit in all of life.
2. We will diminish our calling as redeemed women of God.

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3. We restrict the passage in an unbiblical way when we make it solely about domesticity. Titus 2 is not merely about domesticity. It's about holiness that adorns the gospel.
4. "We recognize that our greater issue is not whether women should work outside the home, for example, but whether women are demonstrating holiness by their work in or outside the home."

C. To the Mature: Anticipate gaining just as much as you give.

1. Younger women want to be encouraged, equipped, corrected.
2. We find encouragement as we encourage others.
3. Being vulnerable allows younger women to see God's hand at work in our lives.

DISCUSSION: How can young women gain wisdom from a mentoring relationship? As a young woman, what are your hesitations on having a mentor? How can mature women grow in their role as a mentor? As a mature woman what are your hesitations on becoming a mentor? For all age groups, what struggles have you faced in a mentor relationship? What unexpected blessings have you experienced in a mentor relationship?

III. Titus 2 Mentoring Is . . .
(Kristie Anyabwille)

- A. Personal** - one to one spiritual mothering, younger and older grow and both benefit.
- B. Corporate** - outworking of the biblical mandate for the local church, "calling us to teach and admonish one another with all wisdom so that the entire body is built up. Colossians 3:16

"Mentoring creates a greater sense of trust, intimacy, and unity among the women of the church."

(1 Thessalonians 4:11, John 13:34, Romans 12:10, Ephesians 4:32, Colossians 3:13, 1 Corinthians 11:1, 1 Thessalonians 5:11, Philipians 3:12-17, James 5:16)

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C. Global - commends the gospel to the non-Christian world.

“Discipleship happens when love puts on shoes.”

John 13:34-35, “By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

IV. Titus 2 - Vibrant Biblical Discipleship Is . . .

- A.** Gospel centered
- B.** Fueled by our love for one another, ignites our love for the lost.
- C.** Inspires us to grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ and embolden us to speak God's truth.

“Before Christ left the disciples, he would give them a new commandment. They were to love each other for Christ's sake, and according to this example, seeking what might benefit others, and promoting the cause of the gospel, as one body, animated by one soul.” - Matthew Henry

Romans 12:9-10, “Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.”

DISCUSSION: Do you think mentor relationships are vital to spiritual growth? Why or why not? What have you learned about mentor relationships through this study? How will you move forward with the new knowledge of Titus 2?

To learn more about our mentoring program:

- 1. Go to our website www.hebronchurch.org/women**
(You may also find the women's page by going to the More tab, click on Adult and then Women.)
- 2. Click on Discipleship, Titus 2**
- 3. Watch the informational video.**
- 4. Fill out a mentor or mentee application form.**
- 5. Join the informational video May 4, 2020, 7:00 PM for more information.**