

Women's Thursday Bible Class

God's Distinctive Calling for Women 2022

Lesson 15 - Cultivating a Heart For Home

Read Titus 2:3-5

"working at home" - let's unpack the meaning

First, what important aspects of this godly woman are NOT on the list?

Next, notice that these mentioned qualities need to be taught(trained in) , i.e. they are not just natural.

Next, notice how many are directly related to the home front.

So wording is generally rendered to mean :

I Tim. 5:5, maybe 9-14; again this is what characterized her life in the past

Context of false teaching important to note. Titus 1:11

And false teaching abounds today. This leads to attitudes and assumptions.....

Helpful to have brief overview of how work and home viewed in history.

So first, what does "keepers at home" **NOT mean**?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Then what does it mean?

-She is gainfully employed, not living dishonorably

-Home is priority to her.

Comments from her book to enlarge on that.

One size does not fit all. Why is this obvious?

We are not others' judge.

Verses that speak loudly. Prov. 31: all but esp. v.27

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Prov. 7:11

Home Ps. 68:5-6, God uses us, his people

Jn. 14:23

Eccl. 12:5

II Cor. 5:6

The interconnectedness of the home, church, community - the healthier one is , affects the other

Read the definition of **spiritual mothering**.

End with a godly example of what it is worth in the end, the lasting impact.

Next week:

Lesson 16 - Cultivating Contentment in my Season of Life

Lesson 17- Tying it All Together.....Beautifully Adorned

Bring a dish to share and we will fellowship afterwards

I gladly give credit to much of this study to Nancy Demoss Wolgemuth's book, Adorned, Living Out the Beauty of the Gospel Together.

It is worth buying for yourself and giving to a next generation woman.

Lesson Fifteen Discussion Questions

- What concept of “home” did you grow up with? Has this been an area of struggle for you- figuring out your clear vision of your place in the home?

Older women:

- Being a keeper/worker at home looks different in different seasons of life. What does it look like for you in this season? What was it like for you in earlier years?
- What insights and practical skills have you learned in managing your home that you could share with a younger woman to encourage her to make her home a place of fruitful labor and ministry?
- Ask the Lord to put a younger woman on your heart who needs and desires encouragement, training, or just practical help on the homefront. Ask him to make you alert and responsive to opportunities to serve in this way.

Younger women:

- Godly homemaking isn't about glamorizing mundane tasks, but rather taking advantage of every opportunity to display the gospel and the heart of Christ into the lives of your loved ones and those who come into your home. Prov. 31: 10-31 includes many daily, mundane tasks done over and over again . How can we make the environment of our home a reflection of heaven and gospel care and community?
- In what area could you use some encouragement, training, or practical help from an older woman to be a more effective keeper/worker at home? Ask the Lord to direct you to an older woman who is willing and able to invest in this way.
- Next week please bring any book that the Lord has used to mentor you spiritually or /and practically in your home.