

Titus 2 wrap up

Sometimes I hate being a homemaker at home. Because I feel so spoiled. My time is generally my own to do with as I please and whenever I have to share that with someone else, I get very upset. You see, I love a non-plan for most things but then a very strict plan for other things and the worst part is that all of this is dependent upon my emotional state. When that is off, my life becomes a box of confetti and I fixate on gathering all of the silvery pink strands out, which could be anything. Today the pink confetti may be preparing everything we need for a daytrip but my emotional state feels like yellow confetti and I would really love to just take it easy and snack on frozen cherries. This is my life most of the time.

So when I set out to talk through Titus 2 as the older woman, the day I set my mind to it was drastically different from my desires each week. I felt burdened with staying the course and only talking about what was in the word. How can I do that...did you just hear what was on youtube. People are doing all kinds of foolish things and I have so much to say about it. Like, there's this lady who is clearly mixing new age with pseudo-christian language and I just want to say...wait. See, something shiny is on the other side of my path and I just want to go over there, take off my shoes and walk around. But Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. Yes, there is a crowd of other people talking about it, there are chairs there where I could get comfortable and spew sarcasm while I dismantle their so-called wisdom but this is not the way I ought to go.

I love that the Lord left an instruction manual for us for how to be women, wives and mothers. So even if you didn't have a mother who trained you or a dad who guided you rightly, your heavenly father did not leave you without hope. I'd dare say, it is better that you didn't have much earthly wisdom trained into you, if your parents were unbelievers, of course, because you would have to discard most of that training as it is earthly and wouldn't produce the fruitfulness of the spirit.

It was also scary to tell the reality of womanhood to the young woman. I felt a lot of anguish, especially when I got to the section about causing the word to be blasphemed. I wrote 4 different articles that I scrapped because I got too hot headed trying to get across the seriousness of being a reason why someone would speak reproachfully about the word. We think God is playing with us, that he's not really serious about what he expects for his women. We love as though there are no real consequences for our actions or non actions. Just look around you in the world. Women get a free pass to act how they please and this has seeped into the church where feminist are spots in your

feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear. They seduce the young wives and enslave them to the very things they themselves are slaves of: freedom, autonomy, self love and others like these. And it's my job, our job as older women who have lived the life, save those women with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh. But because the young woman runs so hot, in fleshly desires and rebellion, she loves the fire and is drawn to it. How can we make living the way the Lord intended attractive to her? How can we press upon her the importance that in time past she walked according to the course of this world, but now she should know what is the hope of his calling.

This plagues me. Of course I tend toward the dramatic, but it really occupies my mind. I remember from whence I've come. I remember how it felt like death, literally like jumping out of an airplane without knowing if I even had a parachute, willing to die if I must in order to conform myself to the word let my fear of death cause me to stay in an airplane destined for hell. It was tough to learn about God, try to understand him, I felt my poverty of knowledge hold me back, causing me to misunderstand His purposes, doubt his goodness and take for granted the extreme value of Jesus our Messiah. I love God and His ways and I want you to love Him and devote yourself to Him and His word and I should speak kindly to you but my own flesh wants to accomplish by anger the righteousness of God, which is sinful so I can't but must also be sober minded, intent on one purpose, which is to by my every word and deed to glorify the name that is above every name. So I struggle. I don't want to be made ashamed of when I speak my simple little words with my simple little understanding, I don't want you to shrug me off and say "oh what does she know, she's fat or she's poor or she's whatever, I have heard all of these. But to that I say GROW UP. focus on the spiritual and not the physical. How skinny was Mary, mother of Jesus? Who cares? Because when she opened her mouth she praised God and expressed her devotion to do what he asked of her. A young woman who knew the word of God...that should describe the young wife. How fit was Abigail, Nabal's wife? This is futility. God wants true worshippers, obedient sons and he doesn't give a crap about your waistline. Focus on what is most important. Don't see how much my things cost SEE CHRIST. See...can you hear my fire? I am sick to death of the temporal distractions that keep me from putting away childish things to feast upon the meat of the word. And I don't want to talk to you about silly stupid things that don't matter, like decor and cute hairstyles and taking the kids to the park, although all of these things can be done to the glory of God.

But what did God say? Did he tell me, an older woman, to teach the word? NO. He said tell her how to be a wife and a mother, how to become self controlled and temperate, how to obey and subject herself. The temporal things of life are the very things the Lord uses to conform us to his word and to make us like Christ. So they are important. How

you behave is important. How you represent Christ in your marriage is important to God. It is what he wants you to focus on and become trained in performing. AS you read the word for yourself and be taught by qualified pastors, you are to also be putting into practice what you see and hear in the Word.

So I had to look at Titus 2 again for me. The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, so my passion has to be put away. I can't talk to you like this. I sound like a crazy woman first of all. It could become a snare of seduction, meaning I use my passionate speech to persuade you or call you to reach deeper within yourself for strength, which is fleshly and not at all sound or circumspect so I take it down a few notches. I can't use what I learned in the pentecostal movement, yelling & thrashing myself around to show some kind of power but I say with my beloved teacher Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians chapter 2 that when I came to you, I came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom but I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified and that my speech not be with enticing words of man's wisdom but feeble though i may be, in demonstration of the spirit within me. Anyway, I said I wasn't going to show you this side of me because i am not 100% convinced it is truly edifying, and why speak if it isn't to edify but I also want you to see that I am serious about the things of God and I trust you are serious as well, I don't want to be a false accuser of your motives or anything. So as I tell my daughter, I was told to teach, which I will endeavor to do by the mercy of God, I will teach, be taught. He wants you to learn so learn. Put away your excuses, your fears and doubts and learn, with full trust in Him to speak and lead as He wills using him he wills. I may be green and not at all sophisticated but I have lived the life, not that I have attained perfection and count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,
14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.
15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you. Follow me as I follow Christ.

That's it for today guys, thank you...