

EMBRACING THE CALL

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With His Eye Upon You

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VERSE REFERENCE

Psalm 32:8 ESV

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I want to encourage you to take time and let the following passage sink deep into your understanding of God's love for you, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you"(Psalm 32:8 ESV). The Creator of all that exists created you for a purposeful life. He has a plan for you and gives direction in the way you should go. God's children experience His attention in every detail of their lives. He doesn't say He might or that He could, rather, He declares that "He will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go." How incredible is that!

It can be easy to complain when things aren't going as you plan, but perhaps the Master Teacher is just adjusting the circumstances for your ultimate good and training. A simple illustration of this is when my mom (with her eye upon me) stopped me before I put too much baking soda in a cake recipe. She knew what the result of my mistake would be, and she quickly corrected me. God knows the ultimate results of our actions, and He is loving and good to correct us. Interestingly, Psalm 32:8 details that God's

instruction is individualized, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go." I want to be careful to explain that although I am emphasizing the "you" in this passage, ultimately this is all about the glory of God! You are part of His plan. He created you, and your life circumstances can advance His kingdom if you follow Him in the way you should go.

You are given guidance along the unique path to which He has called you. Christians are called to holiness not

sameness. That is why the church is compared to the human body which necessarily is made of distinctive parts codependent on one another as they serve the Head who is Christ (1 Corinthians 12:14-25; Ephesians 4:16). Young Christian women need to see their older peers fulfilling unique roles in the church without division or comparisons. There is great joy and eternal significance through fulfilling the responsibilities God gives to His people. Please remember that these will rarely, if ever, align with what the world promotes as important.

I would also ask you to consider how God provides His instructive counsel, "I will counsel you with my eye upon you." He is the Ultimate Teacher. He does not leave us alone with a textbook and ask us to attempt this faith walk on our own. He has promised to be with us (Matthew 28:20). As you disciple younger Christian women, you are not doing it by yourself. According to Titus 2, He has made this mission part of His plan for godly older women in the church. You will find Him faithful to prepare you for it as you pray and study His Word. Be in the Word. Be on your knees. Be aware



of the Great Teacher whose eye is upon you. He knows the way you should go. We are never too old or mature in our faith walk to learn from the Lord's instruction. Your humility to remain teachable is one of the greatest examples you can set for others. You will bless the younger women in your life by modeling a life that continues to follow the instruction of the Lord in the way that you should go until your dying breath.

A FEW NOTES *to consider*

Perhaps one of the major misconceptions concerning the Titus 2 mission is that older women should wait for their younger sisters in Christ to reach out to them when troubles arise. To “teach what is good and so train young women” (Titus 2:3-4) needs to be understood as a proactive effort rather than a reactive ministry. It will be necessary to faithfully provide the reactive ministry essential in every family of believers who come alongside one another in all circumstances. However, healthy churches need godly women who can teach and train younger women to avoid many troubles as they lovingly disciple them to live out their faith according to sound doctrine (Titus 2:1).

It is never too early to start building these influential relationships with the girls and young women in your church. My daughter was simply horrified to go into her Sunday School class at the age of three. In answer to prayer, God provided a dear woman to teach her class. “Miss Beanie” built a loving relationship with each of the children. As my daughter grew, this dear woman was intentional to maintain their relationship with encouragement and godly counsel. I’m sure my daughter still makes some decisions based upon the question, “What would Beanie do?”

I knew this godly woman was always pointing my little girl towards God’s Truth in the Scriptures, and I am forever grateful. Barbara was already a grandmother when she took that preschool class many years ago. My daughter always adored her as if she were the coolest person she had ever known. Miss Beanie is now enjoying heaven and the rewards of God’s influential plan for her.

As a member of your church, you are part of a spiritual family. You have the privilege of building long term relationships with the girls and young women who need to know you as a friend and encourager. Your intentional kindness and concern for them will give you credibility to speak truth into their lives and model a growing walk with God. As they mature in Christ, your voice of love and wisdom can help them avoid some consequential mistakes.

The misconception of waiting for problems needs to be debunked. God’s Word calls you to be proactive in your mission to teach and train the future generations of Christian women in your church.



Trainer's Prayer List

Titus 2:3-5

- Pray that they will beneficially love their husbands
- Pray that they will beneficially love their children
- Pray for their self-control
- Pray for their purity
- Pray for their work at home
- Pray for their hearts to show kindness
- Pray for wisdom in following their husband

BY FAR, THE NUMBER ONE WAY THAT CHURCHES MADE THE TEENS IN OUR SURVEY FEEL WELCOMED AND VALUED WAS WHEN ADULTS IN THE CONGREGATION SHOWED AN INTEREST IN THEM. MORE THAN ANY SINGLE PROGRAM OR EVENT, ADULTS’ MAKING THE EFFORT TO GET TO KNOW THE KIDS WAS FAR MORE LIKELY TO MAKE THE KIDS FEEL LIKE A SIGNIFICANT PART OF THEIR CHURCH.

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