

# EMBRACING THE CALL

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### The Word Of God

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We learn in 2 Timothy 3:16 that God's Word is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. That means it is a book designed specifically for you. God knows the teaching you need, the reproof you need, the correction you need, and the training in righteousness you need. He has written a love letter to you concerning all aspects of your sanctification. It is literally the textbook for life in Christ.

What a wondrous mystery that God provided to His people exactly what is needed to be "complete, equipped for every good work" all within a book small enough to be held in our hands. I remember walking across campus as a young college student weighed down with multiple massive books all required for one class! Many of those books I never opened again after that single semester. Additionally, it was not uncommon to learn that a textbook I had bought from a former student had just become obsolete as the newest edition was being stocked in the school bookstore. In comparison, God's Word has become more relevant in my life as I have grown in my faith. It is just as trustworthy today as it was when the words were originally penned under the inspiration of God's Spirit (2 Peter 1:21). If God has called older women to disciple the younger women, which He has (Titus 2:3-4), then 2 Timothy 3:16 indicates that the instruction for this endeavor should flow from the Bible.

Reading, studying, meditating on, and memorizing Scripture is not just for professionals. All Christians should be serious students of the Bible for their own sake and the influence they have upon others. In his article "Why Memorize Scripture?," John Piper writes "When the heart full of God's love can draw on the mind full of God's word, timely blessings flow from the mouth." How often have we missed opportunities to serve our Master due to carelessness in our study of the Bible. You are better prepared for prayer, service, and the trials of life when you devote time to the study of its treasures.

God has provided and protected the entire council of His Word, and it would be foolish to neglect any of it in our personal study. Old Testament accounts explore the same human condition that drives our sinful hearts today and the foreshadowing of our Savior brings the humbling reality of His love and mercy. You need all of it and so do the younger women in your church. You encourage them to devote a scheduled time each day to read and meditate on God's Word as you talk to them about what this daily discipline has meant to you. According to 2 Timothy 3:16, the Bible has all these benefits for the "man of God" (male and female). God's Word is necessary for every aspect of discipleship. Warren Wiersbe explained the passage very simply, "They are profitable for doctrine (what is right), for

reproof (what is not right), for correction (how to get right), and for instruction in righteousness (how to stay right)." While my opinions and your opinions may be well-intentioned and might be helpful, they are not authoritative. We point younger women to what is Truth with love and mercy, but we can't make them teachable. That is the work of the Holy Spirit.

#### VERSE REFERENCE

2 Timothy 3:16 & 17 ESV

*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*



You will bring to this effort your life experiences and unique insights; however, you must always keep God's precepts as the final authority in every matter. You can help younger women not to be overtaken by their emotions or the circumstances in their lives.

Instead, they must be consistently reminded that Jesus is Lord and what He has decreed is for their good and for His glory. God's Word and its sustaining wisdom will stand when all is said and done. If you haven't already done so, I would highly recommend you commit 2 Timothy 3:16 to memory. It will be a helpful resource in your discipleship of younger women.



# LEARNING ABOUT *Marriage*

All women should know what God's Word has to say about marriage. If she is married, the reason is obvious. If she is a widow, she needs the knowledge to edify younger women. If she is single, there are two practical reasons. First, it will help her to evaluate God's plan for her own life. Second, it will help her encourage biblical living in the lives of her married friends and family in her prayers, words, and actions.

The following two passages provide a great conversation starter with a younger woman about one of the ways a wife can do good for her husband.

### PROVERBS 31:11+12

11 THE HEART OF HER HUSBAND TRUSTS IN HER, AND HE WILL HAVE NO LACK OF GAIN. 12 SHE DOES HIM GOOD, AND NOT HARM, ALL THE DAYS OF HER LIFE.

### LUKE 6:42-46

42 HOW CAN YOU SAY TO YOUR BROTHER, 'BROTHER, LET ME TAKE OUT THE SPECK THAT IS IN YOUR EYE,' WHEN YOU YOURSELF DO NOT SEE THE LOG THAT IS IN YOUR OWN EYE? YOU HYPOCRITE, FIRST TAKE THE LOG OUT OF YOUR OWN EYE, AND THEN YOU WILL SEE CLEARLY TO TAKE OUT THE SPECK THAT IS IN YOUR BROTHER'S EYE. 43 "FOR NO GOOD TREE BEARS BAD FRUIT, NOR AGAIN DOES A BAD TREE BEAR GOOD FRUIT, 44 FOR EACH TREE IS KNOWN BY ITS OWN FRUIT. FOR FIGS ARE NOT GATHERED FROM THORN BUSHES, NOR ARE GRAPES PICKED FROM A BRAMBLE BUSH. 45 THE GOOD PERSON OUT OF THE GOOD TREASURE OF HIS HEART PRODUCES GOOD, AND THE EVIL PERSON OUT OF HIS EVIL TREASURE PRODUCES EVIL, FOR OUT OF THE ABUNDANCE OF THE HEART HIS MOUTH SPEAKS. 46 "WHY DO YOU CALL ME 'LORD, LORD,' AND NOT DO WHAT I TELL YOU?"



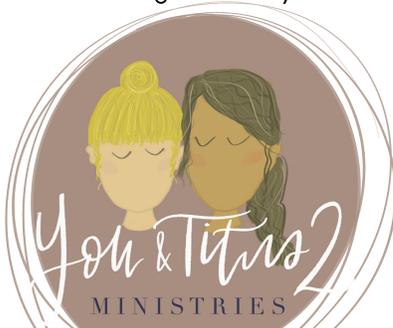
### Discussion Questions:

- Why does God expect a wife to be intentional in doing good and not harm to her husband (Proverbs 31:12)?
- According to Luke 6:43-45, how can a woman evaluate the quality of her influence on her husband?
- Note that Luke 6:42 does not rule out pouring into someone else, but the first responsibility we have is to work on our own walk with Christ. How do you think that changes the way a Christian woman views marriage?

### *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



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