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## EMBRACING THE CALL

# You & Titus 2 Newsletter

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A teachable heart is one of the most important aspects of a maturing Christian woman's life. The more she learns about God and His Word the more humbled she becomes. As she grows in her knowledge of the things of God, His wonderful love, mercy, power, sufficiency, wisdom, design, and peace, the more she understands the list could continue far beyond what her vocabulary could ever describe. As a teachable Christian woman comes to know more about who she is and who God is, it compels her to dig deeper into His Word and to seek wise counsel on how to live according to biblical doctrine.

Women need godly older women for this instruction (Titus 2:3-5), however many women are satisfied to go it alone. I once sang in a quartet, and I really enjoyed pulling together the harmony to achieve the sweet blend of voices. We would often say let's just "wing it" when we were first looking at a song and unsure of what the harmony was in the original arrangement. It was easy enough to find a note that sounded right and just make it work in the moment. Often, I would be satisfied with the pleasant sound produced. When I did my homework and learned how the original artist had written the harmony, it would create a desire in me to practice it correctly so that others would hear and experience the song as it was meant to be done.

I know there are many Christian women who wing it through the details of life. This is much more serious and has detrimental consequences in their lives and testimonies. They attempt to live in a way that seems right and good to them without a teachable heart and a dependence on God's Word. They may desire to serve, bless others, love their husbands, train their children, even reach others in their community for God, but they will be disappointed. God will not dishonor His Word. He has created the arrangement for lives He can use to bring Him glory. He has a beautiful and purposeful plan for every Christian woman. It is essential to live it out according to His design, but it requires a diligent teachable heart and mind.

A woman must not think more highly of herself than she ought. She should think with sober judgment (Romans 12:3). A godly woman will seek to be consistent in active obedience to God's will. Every season of life requires prayerful self-evaluation and reflection. The great diversity of circumstances requires trust in the unfailing authority of God's Word.

Obviously, no woman understands it all, and we are all growing in our spiritual maturity in different ways. While one woman is experiencing a growth spurt in her self-control, another may be moving forward by leaps and bounds as the Spirit of God addresses her kindness, goodness, or purity. Therefore, we learn from each other as an interdependent body, the church (Romans 12:4-5). You should be worshiping along side others with a teachable heart ready to learn and live God's very best for you.

*For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.*

ROMANS 12:3-5 ESV

Dear sisters in Christ, no matter your age, have a teachable heart and be willing to help someone younger embrace God's best for her. I pray our churches will be full of women whose lives harmonize together according to the beauty of biblical doctrine and thus avoid the mistakes of trying to "wing it." Let's live without regrets as we strive to live life as God has arranged it.

## Learning To Be Teachable

Paul appeals to the believers in Rome to present their bodies holy and acceptable to God (Romans 12:1). He explains that this requires their minds be transformed rather than conformed to the world. The mind controls the body to live out God's will. Christian women must always be learning to "discern" God's will (Romans 12:2) in every season and circumstance. This effort requires a teachable mind. It seems that there were those who were not thinking with sober judgment about themselves; "For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think. . ." When we present our bodies to the Lord as a living sacrifice it must include a humble and teachable mind.

Romans 12:1-5 ESV -1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. 3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

### Discussion Questions:

- Describe the "spiritual worship" that is explained in Romans 12:1. Identify three or four ways a woman presents her body to God holy and acceptable in her daily routine.
- What are various influences that can be involved when a woman is being conformed to the world in her thinking? Why might there be differences in these answers among different generations of women?
- What are various influences involved when a woman is being transformed by the renewal of her mind? These influences bond Christian in unity because the ultimate source is God's Word. Why would this impact the church family you are part of?
- How do you think a church full of "conformed" rather than "transformed" women impacts the health of the church family? Be as specific as possible.
- Having a teachable heart is an indicator that you do not think more highly of yourself than you ought to think. Older women must be intentional to teach and train the younger women. Read Titus 2:3-5. How does passage give insight into Romans 12:4-5?
- Our minds are important to God. How can we encourage and influence each other to discern the will of God?

## Trainer's Prayer List

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