**“God’s Priorities For Today’s Woman *-Discovering His Plan for You”***

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***PART 1 -- THE CALL TO FOLLOW GOD’S PRIORITIES***

Tuesday, October 20th -Chapter 3 – From Youth to Maturity

***Let’s see what we learned from Chapter Three!***

**F** rom what or from whom are your thoughts and attitudes about the aging process being shaped?

**R** ealize this: the culture’s view and standard of “true beauty” is in direct opposition to God’s standard.

**O** ur attitudes about youthfulness & aging must be found in God’s Word not from our modern culture.

**M** ature women who love & live God’s Word are to train the younger women in the art of godly living. pg.41

**Y** ou might be asking yourself, “How do I fulfill God’s design to train women towards Christlikeness?”

**O** ften our reluctance, hesitancy, fears of rejection & feeling intimidated hinder our obedience to God.

**U** nceasing commitment to prayer & growing in our passion for Jesus Christ promotes multiage ministry.

**T** ethered to the Truth, we must step out in faith and seek to encourage other women in the Lord. p.43

**H** ope and trusting in God is our foundation for influencing women toward godly character.

**T** hinking about retirement? The Bible knows nothing of retirement for the older woman. p.45

**O** lder believers are to share their accumulated biblical wealth and life wisdom with others. p.45

**M** any godly men and women followed & served the Lord with passion and zeal into their twilight years.

**A** nna, in Luke 2:36-38 was a dear elderly widow known for her devotion & faithful service in prayer.

**T** o retire from serving the Lord and His people? **NEVER!** Older women, we have no excuse. p.46

**U** ncertain what to do in your latter years? *SERVE!* Serve and minister to other women more than ever.

**R** emember, God saved you to serve others! As we apply His Word, we will bear fruit at every age! p.45

**I** n God’s kingdom, neither youth nor old age discredits a person from being a blessing to others. p.49

**T** here is no doubt about it--we are to serve as examples of godly living for one another. p.49

**Y** outh to maturity…Salvation, studying God’s Word, confessing sin, and seeking to obey the Lord are the building blocks to growing in godliness…at any age and at every stage of the Christian life. p.52-53

Ladies, we have learned from this chapter that the portrait of true beauty and the aging process is painted beautifully for us within the pages of Scripture! Though “the world prizes youth and beauty” and barely acknowledges character and conduct, we must remind ourselves that God prizes character, wisdom from above, godliness, devotion, zeal, and passion for Him, and prayer and faithful service to Him…all for His honour and for His glory until the day of our death.

***“The goal for every woman, whatever her age, is to live according to God’s priorities. And we have the privilege of following those priorities all of our lives!”*** *p.55*

Ladies, let’s continue to build up one another in Christ. Let’s continue to seek the Lord in prayer. Let’s continue to daily spend time with Him in His Word. Let’s continue to trust Him and obey Him in every season and circumstance of life. Looking forward to studying “The Art of Growing in Holiness” from Chapter 4 tomorrow, Tuesday, November 10th at 9:30 a.m. via “Zoom!”

With love and prayers for you all, Christyn