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

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***PART 2 -- THE ART OF FOLLOWING GOD’S PRIORITIES***

Tuesday, February 23rd -Chapter 10– *“The Art of Living Sensibly”*

*“Older women…are to train the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,* ***to be******sensible****…”(Titus 2:4-5) The next quality we see for women is that they are to be sensible (NASB), discreet (KJV), self-controlled (NIV). In English, these words don’t seem like close synonyms at all. That variety in translation helps show the breadth of the Greek word (sophrone) used in Titus 2:5. It encompasses a wide area of meaning and it is important that we gain an understanding of it.” p.157*

**T** here is the idea that being sensible is somehow synonymous with being boring or uninspiring. p.147

**H** ardly at all! If God commands us *to be sensible,* then He wants us to be inspired by this quality!

**E** very woman whether young or old needs encouragement to see the necessity for sensible living.

**A** s we gain more insight into this priority, let’s first understand how the word ***“sensible”*** is translated.

**R** eady? To be ***sensible*** is the same as having ***self-control***- restraining one’s own emotions and impulses.

**T** o be ***discreet*** and/or ***prudent***, refers to being marked by wisdom, discernment and careful thought. And ***sober*** means to be serious, restrained, and moderate. p.148

**O** bviously, the many words used to translate ***“sensible”*** shows us how much God values this quality!

**F** rom understanding what this word means, we now need to consider what living sensibly looks like.

**L** iving sensibly, righteously and godly in this present age is *a way of life* that God has called us to. p.149

**I** n fact, these qualities are what God desires to see formed in us from the time of our salvation. p.149

**V** ital to our understanding of living in a sensible manner, we must learn to submit to God’s Holy Word**.**

**I** t’s when we prayerfully study the Scriptures that the Holy Spirit helps us to live wisely and sensibly.

**N** ow we have learned, for example, that a sensible woman learns to exercise control over her emotions

**G** rowing in biblical wisdom, she learns not to blurt out everything she is thinking or feeling. p.151 (Pro.12:16,23)

**S** ensible women also learn to examine their thoughts and motives against the Word of God.(Pro.14:8)

**E** ven our response to reproof is a litmus test of our hearts-Am I going to be a fool or sensible?(Pro.15:5)

**N** ext, let’s focus our attention on ***how***I can grow in biblical sensibility and glorify God in the process.

**S** imply, I must start each day by seeking the Lord in prayer & asking Him to help me grow more sensibly

**I** must also realize that I will never grow more like Christ, or more sensible, if I continue to engage in sin.

**B** y remembering the great debt of love I owe Christ for saving me from sin, I must learn to daily die to it

**L** eaning upon the Lord throughout the day, I can trust that He will help me put His Word into practice.

**Y** ou and I, ladies, can serve as an example at any age if we press on in godliness and seek the Lord as we become more sensible, prudent and self-controlled. p.154

What a beautiful reality to remember….**“God delights in the sensible woman.”** p.151

*“God is not calling us to drudgery or geekdom when He bids us to be sensible. In fact, God intends to bless us, which is why He made this character quality a priority. And the result of applying God’s wisdom is that we bear much spiritual fruit—we will respond with discretion and self-control…” p.156*

Looking forward to our next morning of study together -- Chapter 10 –“The Art of Living Sensibly” at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 23 via “Zoom”

Ladies, may the transforming grace of the Gospel move us to eagerly fix our eyes on heaven as we look forward to the day when we will see our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!

With love and prayers and gratitude filling my heart for you all,

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