**“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 6th -Chapter 2 – “*The”* Mindset for Every Woman

A little review of Chapter Two!

**T**  here is one word in the midst of the instructions for women in Titus 2:3-5 that we can overlook. p.24

**H** ave a look again at Titus 2:3-5. This one word when studied will give us insight into its value. p.24

**E**  ager to know the *key word* that influences our priorities as women? Its the word “**encourage**” p.25

**M** asterfully placed, the word “encourage” in verse 4 is the hinge on which the whole text moves. p.25

**I**  n this verse, older women are commanded to “encourage” the younger woman in a variety of ways.

**N**  eedful to say, this word “encourage” means more than “to affirm”, “cheer on”, and “to strengthen.”

**D** igging deeper, this word means, “to correct, to restore to one’s senses, to hold one to her obligations.”

**S** o, this teaches us that older women are to train and restore the young women to their senses. p.25

**E** specially helping them to be serious about their duties as wives, mothers, & keepers of the home. p25

**T** oday, women must be trained to be focused and serious-minded about their biblical priorities. p.25

**F** ulfilling these responsibilities must be *the* mindset that guides our lives as Christian women. p.25

**O** verwhelmed by Christ’s great sacrifice on our behalf compels and constrains us to live for Him. p.26

**R**  emember, our joyful obedience to God’s commands show our gratitude and love to our Saviour. p.26

**E** very priority found in Titus 2:3-5 is worthy of serious consideration and careful thought. p.26

**V** arious reasons are given in the Bible for **why** we are to be sober-minded about the things of God. p.26

**E** ach day we show we are serious about the things of God when we use our time wisely here on earth.

**R** emembering Christ’s imminent return is also a powerful motivation toward sober-minded living. p.27

**Y** es, we must never forget that Satan uses the world’s distractions and pleasures to draw us away from being serious about God’s priorities. p.28

**W** hat should the attitudes and actions look like in those who are serious-minded about God’s priorities?

**O** ur attitudes and actions will ultimately be shaped by our view of our Saviour, sin, self and scripture.

**M** agnifying our Saviour, mindful we are dead to sin and self, and meditating on and memorizing scripture

**A** ll of these things with the Spirit’s help will develop a cheerful disposition and willingness to obey our Lord

**N** o dout about it! When we as women keep our eyes fixed on Christ we will find great joy in attending to our God-given priorities. p.30

Lisa once again reminds us that we are “to undertake God’s priorities from Titus 2:3-5 with sober-minded consideration.” She says, “*God is serious about these priorities*.” p.34 ***ARE YOU?***

Please take some time to prayerfully contemplate some of Lisa’s questions at the end of Chapter 2 (p.35):

“Will you, with serious consideration and faithful diligence, seek to fulfill the priorities God has for you in His Word?” “Will you ask Him for help and strength to maintain *the* mindset necessary to put God’s priorities into practice in your life?” God always helps His children obey His will. He will help you too”!

Ladies, let’s continue to seek our Lord and His will for us more fervently through prayer and in the pages of scripture as we continue our study of Chapter 3, “From Youth to Maturity” pages 39-55. Praying that Tuesday, October 20th will be another blessed time of study, fellowship and prayer.

With love and prayers for you all,

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