1. Intro

- We are in the book of Titus. The Apostle Paul commissioned his spiritual son and disciple, Titus, to remain on the island of Crete in order to bring order to the immature and disorderly churches there.

- In Titus 2, Paul instructs 5 different groups of Christians in the church to live godly lives: older men, older women, younger women, young men, and slaves/ employees. Last week we focused on the verses for men.

  - Older Christian men, never retire from being a growing, Godly follower of Christ!
  - Young Christian men, live wisely. Be self-controlled. (Titus 2:6-8)
  - Husbands, God's design is that you are the head (leader) of your home.
  - Married men, love your wives like Christ loves the church.

- Today, we'll focus on Paul's instructions for women who follow Jesus.

Titus 2:1-10

"**1** As for you, Titus, promote the kind of living that reflects wholesome teaching. **2** Teach the older men to exercise self-control, to be worthy of respect, and to live wisely. They must have sound faith and be filled with love and patience.
3 Similarly, teach the older women to live in a way that honors God. They must not slander others or be heavy drinkers. Instead, they should teach others what is good. **4** These older women must train the younger women to love their husbands and their children, **5** to live wisely and be pure, to work in their homes, to do good, and to be submissive to their husbands. Then they will not bring shame on the word of God.
6 In the same way, encourage the young men to live wisely. **7** And you yourself must be an example to them by doing good works of every kind. Let everything you do reflect the integrity and seriousness of your teaching. **8** Teach the truth so that your teaching can't be criticized. Then those who oppose us will be ashamed and have nothing bad to say about us.
"**9** Slaves must always obey their masters and do their best to please them. They must not talk back **10** or steal, but must show themselves to be entirely trustworthy and good. Then they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive in every way."

2. Text

Titus 2:1

"As for you, Titus, promote the kind of living that reflects wholesome teaching."

- Our Christian **living** should line up with Biblical **teaching**. (Not the world's teaching)

  - "Out of 100 men (or women), one will read the Bible, the other 99 will read the Christian."
  - "A holy life will produce the deepest impression. Lighthouses blow no horns; they only shine."

Titus 2:3-5

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- Older women, keep living a **reverent** life that **honors** God.
    - Must not **slander** others
    - Must not be heavy drinkers
    - Should teach others what is **good**
    - Must **train** the younger women to honor God
- Younger women, **aspire** to be like older, Godly women whose lives honor God.
    - **Love** your husbands and children
    - Live wisely and be pure
    - Work in your **home**
    - Do good
    - Be **submissive** to your husband
    - When young women live this way, they will not bring **shame** on the word of God (not living this way will).

Ephesians 5:21-33: "**21** And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. **22** For wives, this means submit to your husbands as to the Lord. **23** For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church. **24** As the church submits to Christ, so you wives should submit to your husbands in everything. **25** For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her **26** to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. **27** He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault. **28** In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself. **29** No one hates his own body but feeds and cares for it, just as Christ cares for the church. **30** And we are members of his body. **31** As the Scriptures say, "A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one." **32** This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one. **33** So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband."

- Younger and older wives, God's design is that you **respect** your husband.

3. Application

- Resource for marriage, parenting, & all things family: **Focus On the Family App**
- 31 Day Women's Challenge… who's in?