

Glory in Spiritual Mentoring, Part 2

FOCUS: Titus 2 Discipleship is the strategy to equip women to fulfill their creation design and redemptive calling.

1. Biblical Foundations for Women's Ministry, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus

- (1) 1 Timothy 2:9-15 Ecclesiastical submission
- (2) 1 Timothy 3:11 Compassion
- (3) 1 Timothy 5:1-16 Community
- (4) Titus 2:3-5 Gender-specific discipleship
- (5) 2 Timothy 3:1-9, 14-16 Scripture

Women's Ministry in the Local Church, p. 109: "Submission, community, and compassion are inseparable parts of the whole of covenant life. Their synchronization is imperative for mature ministry. Covenantal community and compassion cannot exist in a vacuum of autonomy. It is within the authority structures ordained by God that we can experience the blessed oneness that our Savior prayed for us."

2. Titus 2

V. 1: ecclesiastical authority and responsibility

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V. 2-10: communion of the saints; covenant community and compassion

Westminster Confession of Faith—Of the Communion of the Saints

All saints, that are united to Jesus Christ their Head, by His Spirit, and by faith, have fellowship with Him in His grace, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory: and, being united to one another in love, they have communion in each other's gifts and graces, and are obliged to the performance of such duties, public and private, as do conduce to their mutual good, both in the inward and outward man.

V. 3-5: mandate for women to disciple women

Ligon Duncan, *Women's Ministry in the Local Church*, p. 115: "The distinction between male and female is something that is part of a human's (and especially a Christian's) being a bearer of the image of God . . . Mankind, without living out the God-given distinction of male and female, relating to one another as God intended them to relate, cannot give adequate expression to this aspect of what it means to be created in the image of God. This truth needs to be explained and understood in the discipleship of the local church."

V. 11-13: the motive—the gospel

V. 14: the power—the gospel

3. Titus 2:3-5, Spiritual Mothering: When a woman possessing faith and spiritual maturity enters into a nurturing relationship with a younger woman in order to encourage and equip her to live for God's glory.

4. Teach what is good: Exodus 33:18; 34:6-7

Moses prayed – Please show me your glory

The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin." Exodus 34:6-7

5. Teach and train:

We were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us. 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8

- Biblical discipleship is informational relational and transformational

- 2 Cor. 3:18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

T2D Discipleship Questions

What/who is your reference point?

What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you think about God?

What will it mean to glorify God in this situation/relationship?

What will it mean to bring this situation/relationship under the authority of God's Word?

Are you willing to ask God to show you ways you are being a life-taker and to give you repenting grace?

What will it mean to be a life-giver in this situation/relationship?

How can I help you to be a life-giver?

Resources

Women's Ministry in the Local Church, Ligon Duncan and Susan Hunt

Spiritual Mothering—The Titus 2 Model for Women Mentoring Women, Susan Hunt

Titus 2 Tools, which includes: Titus 2 discipleship models, training for Titus 2 leaders, and a leader's guide for *Spiritual Mothering*

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