

## Titus

### Lesson #13, Chapter 2:5

Ask the Lord for help to prayerfully consider and apply the truths found in this lesson.

1. List all the qualities of a godly woman we have studied so far in verses 3-5. Remember, these qualities are God's priorities for you.
2. Which quality are we going to study next?
3. Let's examine this little phrase. The KJV translates it as *keepers at home*, the NIV as *to be busy at home*, while the NASB translates it *worker at home*. Give an explanation of what a "home keeper who is busy working at home" is like.
4. Women are to be workers at home—and for that they need to be at home. How much a woman needs to be at home in order to fulfill the priorities as stated in these verses depends on the woman, the family size, age of children, etc. What is clear, however, is that she is to care for her home and to work at it! Turn to Prov. 31:10-31 and note how this woman works to care for her family.
5. Why is it necessary for women to learn to be workers at home? See 1 Tim. 5:13-15.
6. What is the correlation between diligence and work? Remember, diligence means industrious, hardworking, zealous, persevering, persistent, untiring,

plodding, careful, thorough, patient. See Prov. 10:4; 12:24, 27; 13:4; 21:5; Rom. 12:11; 1 Cor. 15:58; 2 Cor. 8:22; 2 Thess. 3:10-12; Heb. 6:10-12.

7. Now let's look at the opposite end of the spectrum—the sluggard! Look up the following verses and note the sluggard's actions, attitudes, and anything else you see: Prov. 6:6-9; 15:19; 18:9; 19:24; 20:4; 21:25-26; 22:13; 26:13-16.
  
8. How does God view a sluggardly person? What is His attitude toward those who work with diligence?
  
9. What kinds of attitudes characterize your work at home? Are there areas that you need to put energy into so that you can be a diligent home worker?
  
10. The next characteristic God prizes in His children is *kindness* (KJV translated as *good*). What behaviors, attitudes, or words characterize kindness?
  
11. What do you learn about *kindness/goodness* from the following verses? Look for where it originates, what it does, any results. See Luke 6:27-36; Eph. 2:4-7; Titus 3:4-7; 1 Pet. 2:1-3.
  
12. According to the verses below, kindness is not natural to us, but a choice we make. Look up the verses and explain the choice that needs to be made to live out kindness: Micah 6:8; 1 Cor. 13:4; Gal. 5:22-23; Col. 3:12.

13. Prov. 31:26 says, “She opens her mouth in wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.” What is the teaching that comes from your tongue? How’s your kindness quotient?
  
14. What is the last quality listed here in verse 5 that women need to pay attention to?
  
15. The Greek word *hupotasso* means *to arrange one’s self under*. It is the voluntary attitude of giving in, cooperating, assuming responsibility, and carrying a burden. *Biblical submission is meant to be a voluntary yielding to another’s leadership*. It is important to remember that a wife’s submission to her husband is only one part of a Christian’s submission. Look up the following verses, taking note of who is submitting to whom. See Luke 2:51; 10:17-20; Rom. 8:6-8; 1 Cor. 16:15-16; Eph. 5:21; Titus 2:9; 3:1; Heb. 2:8; 12:9; 1 Pet. 5:5.
  
16. What are the conditions in which a wife is to submit to her husband? See Eph. 5:22-24; Col. 3:18 and 1 Pet. 3:1-6 (read 1 Pet. 2:13-25 first).
  
17. In your own words complete the following statements:
  - a. I have learned that submission is not:
  - b. However, submission is:
  - c. God uses submission to:
  - d. The purpose of submission is to:
  
18. Beyond loving your husband and being submissive to him, what other things are necessary to the marriage relationship? See Rom. 7:2-3; 1 Cor. 7:3-5; Eph. 5:33.

19. If you have an unbelieving husband further essentials are placed before you. What are they? 1 Cor. 7:13-16; 1 Pet. 3:1-2.
  
20. From what you've learned from these verses, is submission ever dependent upon another person's behavior? Why or why not?
  
21. If submission is not based on another person's behavior and is a voluntary act, then why is it still so difficult to do at times? What is the antidote? See Rom 8:5-14 for a hint.
  
22. Submission is a response, not a reaction. What are some ways you can help your response to be a gracious, godly submission rather than a stubborn, Sinatra-like ("I did it MY way...") reaction?
  
23. Finally, we close this section with a reason for making these qualities a continual priority. What is the reason given (verse 5)?
  
24. Spend some time with the Lord going over this list of priorities in verses 3-5. Are there any areas from this list that may be bringing dishonor to the Lord because you are not willing to obey God? Are there any potential trouble spots that you want to take care of so that God will continue to be honored by the witness of your life?

...that the Word of God may not be dishonored.