

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

These questions are for the **May 8, 2016** sermon, "The Feminine Distinctives." Please read the sermon passage (Titus 2:1-5) together out loud. Today's sermon was presented on Mother's Day.

Sermon Outline:

1. **Sound Doctrine** (1)
 - A. "Teach what accords with sound doctrine . . ."
 - i. "sound" is a medical term which denotes "wholeness" and "healthy."
 - ii. "doctrine" comes from the root word for "doctor," which gives us a prescription for truth to the family and the culture.
 - iii. "accords" is the cultivated ability to make truth relevant to life.
 - B. A woman's life in Christ can teach the family and culture irrefutable truths about Christian doctrine. This can be a beautiful exposition of God's Word.
2. **Older Women** (3-4a)
 - A. "Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women... "
 - B. "Reverent in behavior"--ever discipling in the temple.
 - C. "not slanderers or slaves to much wine"--note that undisciplined alcohol use leads to undisciplined lips.
 - D. "teaching what is good"--consider Exodus 1 and how the Israelite women had deeply affected the (younger) midwives with regard to the sanctity of life.
3. **Younger Women** (4b-5)
 - A. "To love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled."
 - B. Loving your husband must be commanded & learned: it does not come naturally.
 - C. "submissive"--consider that Jesus Christ is submissive to God the Father, and that he is co-equal with the Father. There is equality with practical authority.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: Does your family get a healthy dose of sound doctrine every day just because your life is teaching them about God? Why and why not?
2. Based on #2, above: Which qualities of your life are you purposefully teaching to those who are younger than you in the faith? Which qualities in your life need growth? How are you addressing this need?
3. Based on #2, above: Note the danger (here and in Proverbs 23:29 and following) between alcohol misuse and verbal sin. Discuss your plan for addressing this danger.
4. Based on #3, above: Who has taught you how to love your husband? Where can you improve? Why is this practice relevant to single women?