

Titus 2 Mentorship

In our current culture, families can live far apart from parents and grandparents. Sometimes women are first generation Christians with no godly influences to look to for wisdom. Churches today may offer retreats, Bible studies, and ladies meetings, but public settings do not always offer an opportunity to ask deep questions or hear from the experiences of those who have been in the season a younger woman is treading for the first time. The younger women may be reticent to approach an older woman they do not know. Often church Sunday School classes are divided into age groups, separating the older women from getting to know the younger women well. Something intentional might be useful to help bridge this gap.

Over two thousand years ago, God gave a wonderful plan to Paul as he wrote to Pastor Titus about creating order in his church family. Pastor Titus was instructed to teach sound doctrine to the men and to the aged women. The younger women, however, were to find instruction from the spiritual mothers of the church. These spiritual mothers would be recognized by their discipline under pressure, their self-control, their strong faith, their love, their patience, their holiness, their truthful words, and their desire to teach good things. Paul gave specific instruction on what was to be taught, as well. The older women were to teach the young women to be disciplined under pressure (sober), to love their husbands, to love their children, to be efficient and wise with resources (discreet), to be pure and genuine (chaste), to learn good home management, to be obedient to God's Word (good), and to obey their husbands so that God would not be dishonored. (See Titus 2:1-5).

The beauty of Titus 2 is that everyone is younger than someone else. At every stage of life, an older woman has lessons learned from experience and from her walk with the Lord to share with someone behind her. If you have daily spent time at the feet of Jesus and become disciplined in your walk with the Lord by your obedience to Him, you can be a spiritual mother to a younger woman. This could look like writing notes of encouragement with a lesson learned in a previous stage of life. It could mean a set time to share a cup of tea and have a chat about Titus 2 and how the mentor applies it practically to her life. It could also be a phone call when the older woman prays over the younger, or a quick text message telling her of the older woman's care and concern. Titus 2 can fit into the busiest of life's schedules, as we always have time to do what is important. If this is of interest to you, our church would like to create a point of connection for a six-month period, matching spiritual mothers to younger women. Those who are chosen to be a spiritual mother to a younger woman would also be given the opportunity to be mentored by a woman in a later season of life. Questionnaires will be filled out and prayerful consideration will be given as matches are made. At the end of the six months, relationships can continue informally, but new matches can also be made.

At the bottom of the questionnaire is the covenant of expectations requiring the participant's signature. All conversation should strive to be God-honoring and confidential. In the case of a serious situation, problems can be brought to the pastor or pastor's wife for counsel but should not be shared with anyone else. Participants should attempt to reach out to one another at least once a month, if possible. Please contact _____ at _____ with any questions.

Titus 2 Mentorship Questionnaire

Name _____

Season of Life _____

Address _____

Phone: (mobile or home) _____

Best times available _____

Birthdate _____

Anniversary _____

Please write a brief testimony of your salvation:

Please describe your daily quiet time routine. If it's not quite what you would like it to be, describe the ideal quiet time and what keeps you from meeting the ideal.

Please list interests and hobbies, including any that you would like to learn or are able to teach.

Circle one or more of what you would like the Titus 2 mentorship/relationship to entail:

Friendship Discipleship/Bible Study Prayer Notes of Encouragement

A Place to Bring Questions Practical Housekeeping Ideas /Recipes Other:

What is your favorite Scripture and why?

Describe what speaking truth in love means and how it practically applies to mentorship.

Please record any current prayer requests you have, as well as each of your family member's name you would like prayer for.

The Titus 2 Mentorship Covenant:

In keeping with the Biblical instruction of Titus 2, I commit to pray for my assigned partner daily, encourage her regularly, and try to meet in person at least once per month in the given time period. I pledge to order my conversation in a way that glorifies the Lord and keeps my partner's information confidential.

Signature _____

Date _____