**“God’s Priorities For Today’s Woman *-Discovering His Plan for You”***

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***PART 2 -- THE ART OF FOLLOWING GOD’S PRIORITIES***

Tuesday, January 12th -Chapter 7– *“The Art of Sharing and Seeking Wisdom”*

**T**  he Christian life, ladies, involves the close following of another’s life as we journey “home.”

**H** ow you and I proceed on life’s “road” affects those who come behind us. pg. 99

**E** very older woman is admonished in Titus 2:3 to ***“teach what is good”*** to those who follow her. pg.100

**A**  teacher is not only one who imparts knowledge to those who follow her, she also teaches by example

**R** *everent behaviour* and *teaching what is good* serves as the foundation for impacting another’s life.

**T** o teach what is good is to impart the joys and duties of God’s calling and to equip the next generation.

**O** f course, in order to impart this to others, we must first learn and put into practice God’s Word p.100

**F** or if we as older women don’t follow God’s ways then we have no “right” to teach what is good. p.101

**S**  cripture is filled with examples of godly women who taught other women or their children. p.101

**H** annah trained Samuel. Naomi guided Ruth. Solomon benefited from his mother’s teaching (Pro. 1:8).

**A** s older women, we are to build up and encourage young women to live according to God’s priorities.

**R** emember, every priority God wants us to know about is contained within the pages of the Bible. p.102

**I**  f we pick parts of God’s Word we want to obey, and disobey other parts, we place ourselves over God.

**N** ote this- acknowledging God’s Word as ***true*** we declare His right to rule over us as our Lord and King.

**G**  rowing in the Lord means that we must learn to live by *what God says* rather than what we think best.

**A**  dhering to some simple rules for studying our Bible, we can learn to correctly apply God’s Word p.102

**N** othing is more important than first understanding the *context* of a verse and how it fits in the chapter

**D** iscovering *“what the passage says”* not “what it means to me”is the next rule of Bible study. p.103

**S** tep three in Bible study is to ask, *“What did the original audience understand this passage to mean?”*

**E** nding with, *“What timeless truths about God, Christ, or man apply to me from this text?”* p.103

**E** agerly and faithfully studying and obeying God’s Word ourselves prepares us to “*teach what is good”.*

**K** eep this in mind, each one of us has the ability to teach and is called to teach in one way or another.

**I**  *‘m no teacher*…you may say! But you do teach -through your conversations, instructions and counsel.

**N**  ow remember**, our purpose for teaching is to equip and train others to trust the Lord and His Word**.

**G** enerally, anything that teaches others to rely on themselves, their emotions, their own piety, or man-made religion is not good. p.105

**W** hen desiring to teach others *“what is good”,* it is essential & critical that we too are teachable. p.106

**I** deally, a teachable person desires to learn and grow in God’s truth. She *listens to & accepts instruction*.

**S**  imilarly, a teacher of good loves and *respects* God’s Word and His will for her and desires to obey it.

**D**  evoted to living for God’s glory, a teacher of good *listens to reproof* without taking offense. p.107

**O** how humility is necessary to receiving, hearing, & applying God’s Word. A teacher of good *is humble*.

**M** odel what is good! ***No matter what your age or your life situation, God has called you as an example of faith in God, to model love toward Christ and to live steadfastly in hope.*** p.109

“Your faithful example gives courage and hope to those travelling the same road toward heaven as they watch you make progress in God’s good ways.” (pg.109)

Ladies, let’s continue to “pursue the Lord whole-heartedly” and make it our priority to “*teach what is* *good*” to those who follow us by His grace and for His glory!

**Our next scheduled time to gather on “Zoom” will be on Tuesday, January 26th at 9:30a.m**. for the morning ladies Bible Study. We will be looking at Chapter 8 – “The Art of Loving Your Husband.” As Lisa encouraged us at the beginning of her book, “*Every* priority, whether you are married or not or have children or not can be applied in *some* way by *every* woman. God hasn’t made any mistakes regarding your life or His will as recorded in the Scriptures. *These priorities are for you too!”* pg. 8

With love and prayers and gratitude filling my heart for you all,

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