**“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 26th -Chapter 8– *“The Art of Loving Your Husband”*

*“The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good and not evil all the days of her life.” (Proverbs 31:11-12)NASB 1995*

**T** o love your husband with diligence and purposefulness is God’s next priority for us in Titus 2:3-5.

**H** ere in this chapter we learned that God desires a focused and serious mindset about this next priority.

**E** very woman according to God in Titus 2:4 needs to be “encouraged” lit. *trained* to love their husbands

**A** cknowledging our need to train and to be trained in this area, let’s first go back to the garden of Eden.

**R** emember**,** God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him.”

**T** he first marriage and the first family *was complete* when God created Adam and Eve. p.114

**O** ur Creator never wants us to forget the significance and importance of that first marriage *He created*.

**F** orming man out of the dust of the ground and fashioning a woman out of man, God declared His creation and marriage *very good*.

**L** ife together as husband and wife constitute *a family* whether God blesses us with children or not.p115

**O** h children are a blessing…but they must never replaceor weaken our relationship with our husband.

**V** irtually every woman faces the challenge to keep their marriage a priority when children come along.

**I** t is so important that husbands don’t get shuffled to the side during this hectic season of life.p.120

**N** ewly married or being a new mother, you must be intentional to not neglect your husband.

**G** od will help you to focus on your relationship with your husband…just ask Him…your children will benefit tremendously when they see you purposefully loving their dad!

**Y** et, we face another challenge…when the children are almost grown or have left the nest. p.116

**O** ften we can be easily lulled into complacency about our marriages with its regular routines and habits

**U** sually those of us married for a long time can also become negligent in making our husband a priority.

**R** emember to keep the romance alive in your marriage. Repent of whatever it is that has caused you to neglect your love for him. Resume looking for ways to encourage, surprise, and minister to him. p.124

**H**  ow is your love for your husband? How do you communicate your love to the man you married?

**U** nderstanding some practical ways to make your husband a priority will help you love him biblically.

**S** tudy him. Sacrifice for him. Seek to honour and respect him. Serve him. Show love to him.

**B** e eager and willing to make plans to have times of intimacy with your husband. pg.’s 125,126

**A** lways pray for him and thank God for Him. Think about him. Make him your best earthly friend!

**N** ever forget to tell your husband how much you love and appreciate him each and every day!!

**D** elight in your husband and place him above all others in your thoughts, emotions and actions! p.119

***“Paul tells us in Ephesians 5:27 that the marriage relationship is to represent to the world how Christ loves His bride, the church. We worship God by obeying Him, and one way we worship Him is by obeying His command to love our husbands. Isn’t that amazing? By faithfully making your husband a priority, you bring glory to God.”*** *(pg. 127)*

Looking forward to our time together tomorrow morning studying Chapter 8 –“The Art of Loving Your Husband” at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 26th via “Zoom”

And remember ladies, if there is anything that I can do to encourage you, bless you, pray for you or serve you, please don’t hesitate to call or text me.

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

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