**“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, November 10th -Chapter 4 – *“The Art of Growing in Holiness”*

In Part One of Lisa’s book in the first three chapters, Lisa laid the foundation for ***our CALL*** to follow God’s Priorities found in Titus 2:3-5. We will now embark on a journey through ***the ART*** “gallery” of following God’s Priorities in the next eleven chapters. We will soon discover that each chapter is distinct and deserving of our full attention. Like a beautiful painting, as we meditate upon each “stroke” of our “sacred and holy duties” as women defined by God, may we grow in our absolute AWE of Him!

T he commands given by Paul to the older men in Titus 2 connect to his commands to the older women.

**H** ere we see that the older men and women are to serve as models of godly and mature character. p.60

**E** sther in the Bible, as we learned, well understood the value of respectful and reverent behaviour. p.60

**A** lthough we may never face what Esther had to, we must learn all we can about the call to reverence.

**R** everent behaviour is ultimately a command for *all women*. Young women too must grow in holiness.

**T** o act in a way that fits in with holiness means our lives must match what we profess about Christ. p.61

**O** ur walk must match our talk. We must practice what we preach. A saved life results in a changed life!

**F** aith in Jesus Christ can, should, and does have an effect upon a believer’s everyday life. (Jn.10:27) p.61

**G** od’s plan has always been for every one of His children to look like they belong to Him. p.61

**R** everent behaviour authenticates our words—that we are followers of Jesus…new creatures in Christ.

**O** ur reverent behaviour must be motivated out of our grateful love for all that He has done for us! p.63

**W** e must realize that our lives can either honour or dishonour God’s Word by our words and actions.

**I** believe our love for Christ transforms our every thought, word and deed into an act of worship of Him.

**N** ow let’s remember this: *all* reverent behaviour begins first in our hearts and in our minds. p.64

**G** od’s Word says, “As he thinks within himself, so he is.”(Pro.23:7) Our thoughts determine our actions!

**I** f we hope to live reverently as God desires, we must train our minds to think biblically and eternally.

**N** o day should go by without reading, studying, meditating on, or memorizing portions of scripture. p66

**H** ear this! Your growth in reverence is directly proportional to your intake of the Word of God! p.67

**O** ur time in the Word of God must be saturated in prayer. Seek His help to live joyfully obedient to Him.

**L** ife will often present us with temptations from setting aside time to be in the Word of God & prayer.

**I** t’s amazing if we actually stopped to think how many ways we can dwell on God’s Word all day long!

**N** either you nor I have any excuse! We must daily choose for ourselves whom we are going to serve.

**E** ither we choose to serve and please ourselves or we choose to serve and please our merciful Master.

**S** o, Titus 2:3-5 is just one example of what the daily life of a reverent woman looks like. p.68

**S** he is busy, productive, and focused on others. At her core she engages in those delightful duties because she loves and desires to please God. p.68

Ladies, let’s never forget that **“The Art of Growing in Holiness”** must come from your absolute delight in Christ and the joy you receive in Him comes from the grace which you received by faith!!

Looking forward to our time together studying Chapter 5 on Tuesday morning November 24th! Christyn;)