

Youth Bible Study Lesson 25

Memory verse – Phil.1:9, 10

Moving on in our study of Titus 2:1-8 we come to vs. 5 The young women are to learn to be discreet.

What does discreet mean? Let's look where God uses it in other places in scripture.

Gen. 41:33 Joseph, upon revealing to pharaoh his dream concerning the 7 years of plenty followed by the 7 years of famine tells Pharaoh "Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man _____ and _____, and set him over the land of Egypt."

And Gen 41:39 Pharaoh, knowing a good man when he saw one, says "And Pharaoh said unto _____, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so _____ and _____ as thou art:"

From these two verses I think we can conclude that discreet has to do with the exercise of wisdom, selecting the best means to accomplish a purpose. Joseph faced a monumental task of preparing Egypt and the world for a catastrophic event, the famine. What does this tell you girls about the task of wife and mother? I mean God only uses the word discreet one other time in Titus 2:5! Being discreet is necessary in a godly woman's life as this refers to her making sound judgments that reflect God's wisdom in the world, as a single person, wife, or mother. A form of the word discreet, discretion, is used in scripture. It would serve us well to examine these.

Ps. 112:5 "A _____ man sheweth favor, and lendeth: he will _____ his _____ with _____."

Prov. 1:4 "To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man _____ and _____."

Prov. 2:11 "_____ shall _____ thee..."

Prov. 3:21 "... keep sound _____ and _____:"

Prov. 5:2 "That thou mayest regard _____,"

Prov. 11:22 This one is especially interesting. "As a _____ of _____ in a _____ snout, so is a _____ women which is _____ discretion."

Prov. 19:11 "The _____ of a man _____ his _____; it is his glory to pass over a transgression."

Is. 28:26 "For his God doth _____ him to _____, and doth _____ him."

Jer. 10:12 Speaking of God says "He hath made the earth by his _____, he hath established the world by his _____, and hath stretched out the heavens by his _____."

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God did not just fling the heavenly bodies into space without care. The

motion of the heavenly bodies are for the benefit of His creation. They work in concert together fulfilling the purposes of God. There was discretion exercised in this activity!

Are you beginning to get a picture of what discreet means? The Bible is so rich with discription!

Young women are to learn to be discreet. The women at Crete were anything but discreet. There are those that would legislate discretion. They would give you 10 things you can't do and 10 things you must do. This is not God's design for the age of grace.

Phil. 1:9, 10, I believe gives believers in the dispensation of grace their instruction when it comes to knowing how to be discreet. "And this I pray, that your _____ may abound yet more and more in _____ and in all _____; vs. 10 That ye may _____ things that are _____; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;"

For the Jew this meant Rom. 2:17 "Behold, thou art called a Jew, and resteth in the _____, and makest thy boast of God, vs. 18 And knowest his will, and approvest the things that are more _____, being _____ out of the law." A Jew living under the law was able to make wise decisions based on his or her knowledge of the law! Do you see dear people that it is the knowledge of God's instruction to US that will enable us to be discreet. Making sound judgments in regards to every area of our life!

Rom. 12:2 says it best "And be not _____ to this _____: but be ye _____ by the _____ of your _____, that ye may _____ what is that _____, and _____, and _____, will of God." A renewed mind, a mind that is occupied with the rightly divided word of God will produce a life of discretion!

Just as the Jews needed to be instructed by the law in order to approve things; like how to dress, what to eat, how to handle domestic, political, and foreign affairs. We too must be instructed from the doctrines of grace delivered from our risen Lord to the apostle Paul. They are for our obedience of faith today.

What are just a few principles of grace that will produce a discreet life?

1. Col. 3:17 "And whatsoever ye _____ in _____ or _____, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving _____ to God and the Father by him." Can I go, do, wear, eat, drink, listen, etc in the name of my Lord Jesus Christ?
2. Phil. 4:2 "Look not everyman on his _____ things, but every man also on the _____ of others." Is the good of others the outcome of my decisions? We could go on and on. Spend some time in Paul's epistles. Most of them are relatively short. You could read some of them in 1/2 hour or less. You will have your mind renewed, enabling you to be discreet in all you do.

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Don't go through life like a gold jewel in the nose of a pig! Rather, a godly woman will want her life to be characterized by discretion bringing

praise and glory to God.

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Lesson 25 Answers and Comments

Phil. 4:2 should be Phil. 2:4

Discreet love
Wise knowledge
Joseph judgment
Discreet approve
Wise excellent
Good law
Guide excellent
Affairs instructed
Discretion conformed
Knowledge world
Discretion transformed
Discretion renewing
Preserve mind
Wisdom prove
Discretion good
Discretion acceptable
Jewel perfect
Gold do
Swines word
Fair deed
Without thanks
Discretion own
Deferreth things
Anger
Instruct
Discretion
Teach
Power
Wisdom
Discretion

Life constantly demands that we make choices. Every choice is an opportunity to exercise godly discretion. God's word is clear, it is the believer's "reasonable service" to present his body in daily, moment by moment, godliness. Paul uses the word "walk" approximately 30 times in scripture. God is pleased with a believer's walk as it is dependent upon his word working in them instructing them in all the choices they make.