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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) In today's message, we are going to talk about the wonders of womanhood and the wealth of true womanhood.
- b) Titus 2:1
 - i) "Become" in this verse means, "that which beautifies sound doctrine."
- c) Titus 2:10
 - i) The word "adorn" here is the word for "cosmetics."
 - ii) The Apostle Paul was saying that this is the way to make things beautiful.
 - (1) To take the Word of God and make it a beautiful thing.
 - iii) This is not talking about cosmetics for our physical faces, but that our lifestyles should adorn the Word of God and bring beauty into our homes.
- d) Titus 2:1-5
- e) Homes as God intended, and as we once knew in America, are fast becoming a national disaster.
 - i) There are seminars, conference, and counselors; however, we are not learning because we are not going back to the Word of God.
- f) Satan has leveled all of his artillery at the home.
 - i) He is trying to sink the ship of holy matrimony.
- g) God has a plan, and there are three things we need to learn about God's way for the woman:
 - i) The legacy she is to leave.
 - ii) The love she is to learn.
 - iii) The life she is to live.

2) THE LEGACY SHE IS TO LEAVE (TITUS 2:2-5)

- a) Titus 2:2-4
 - i) The older women have a ministry from God, and that is to teach the younger women.
 - (1) This is the legacy they are to leave.
 - (2) This is God's plan.
 - (3) It is to go not primarily from the pulpit but from older mothers and grandmothers in the church who teach young women what God's Word has to say.
 - ii) The Apostle Paul addresses older men first of all.
 - (1) Titus 2:2
 - (2) There is nothing more honorable than a godly, older man.
 - (3) The Bible teaches that gray hair is a crown of glory, and older men are a glory to their children and grandchildren.
 - (a) Proverbs 16:31
 - (b) On the other hand, there's nothing uglier than a dirty, old man who does not know God.
 - (c) A loving, old man who's walked with God depicts dignity, courage, and grace.
- b) Older women should be holy in their behavior.

- i) Titus 2:3
 - (1) They are to have an aura of holiness about them.
 - (a) This literally infers that they are to have a fragrance of holiness.
 - (b) This has the picture of a priest who has gone into the sanctuary to minister, and the sweet perfume of that incense is still on his garments when he comes out.
 - (i) You knew that he had been in the holy place.
 - (ii) He would have the aura or the smell of holiness.
- ii) Just to be in their presence is like being in the holy place.
- iii) They have the beauty of Jesus Christ in their lives.
- c) They should not be slanderers.
 - i) Titus 2:3
 - ii) The word "slanderer" is the word from which we get the word "devil."
 - (1) The devil is a slanderer.
 - iii) Gossip is a disease that gets worse with age.
 - iv) When a person is a gossip and slanderer, they are like the devil.
- d) They should not be given to wine; they're not to have addictions.
 - i) Titus 2:3
 - (1) The intent of this would include cigarettes, pills, diet drugs, etc.
 - ii) Don't let something enslave you.
 - (1) Don't let something addict you.
- e) The older women are to teach the younger women.
 - i) Titus 2:4-5
 - ii) Who are teaching young women today?
 - (1) We have a generation of young girls today who have not been trained in very basic things.
 - (2) We need godly mothers and grandmothers to teach the young women.
 - (a) Not television talk show hosts.
 - (b) Universities are not teaching young women how to be homemakers.
 - (i) They are teaching the opposite.
 - iii) Perhaps the greatest ministry an older woman can have is to disciple a young wife.
 - iv) If they don't teach the younger women, then they are failing God and missing a blessing.

3) THE LOVE SHE IS TO LEARN (TITUS 2:4)

- a) Titus 2:4
- b) Younger women need to be taught how to love their children.
 - i) There are mothers who do not love their children.
 - (1) Some of them are putting their children to death in the womb.
 - (a) The safest place on Earth ought to be a mother's womb, but it has become the most dangerous place in America.
 - (b) Girls need to be taught that this is wrong.

- (i) They need to be taught to love their children before they are born, as well as to love them after they are born.
- ii) How does someone love a child?
 - (1) Tell them that you love them; you can never tell them too much.
 - (2) Touch or hug them.
 - (3) Teach them.
- iii) Children are not a burden; children are a blessing.
 - (1) Psalm 127:3
 - (2) Children are a reward from Almighty God.
- iv) In the Bible, there were many women who had did not have children, and they were broken hearted.
 - (1) Sarah was barren until she was ninety years of age, and God performed a miracle and gave her Isaac.
 - (a) Genesis 21:1-2
 - (2) Rachel cried out to God, and He heard her prayer and answered.
 - (a) Genesis 30:1, 22-24
 - (b) Her son, Joseph, delivered a nation.
 - (3) Manoah's wife cried out to God, and God gave her Samson.
 - (a) Samson was a judge and saved Israel.
 - (b) Judges 13-16
 - (4) Ruth was barren and a widow, but she prayed and found mercy.
 - (a) God gave her Obed, who was the grandfather of David, from whose lineage came the Savior.
 - (i) Ruth 4:13-22
 - (ii) Matthew 1:1-17
 - (5) Elizabeth was stricken in age and presumed to be barren, but she prayed and God gave her John the Baptist.
 - (a) Luke 1:57-60
 - (b) Jesus said that there was not a greater born of woman than John the Baptist.
 - (i) Matthew 11:11
 - (6) Hannah went into the sanctuary of God and asked Him to give her a child.
 - (a) God gave Samuel to Hannah, who became the great prophet of Israel.
 - (b) 1 Samuel 1
 - (7) These were great men who were born in answer to their mothers' prayers.
 - (a) We have been asking God to give us a cure for cancer and other diseases.
 - (b) We have been asking God to help us with this problem and that problem.
 - (i) Perhaps God has already given the answer to these problems to some little child, but that child was aborted.

- (c) We see in these Scriptures where God gave the people great deliverers when their mothers prayed for a child.
- v) A father has influence on a child, but a mother makes the greatest impression.
 - (1) Mothers and grandmothers are to teach young women to love their children.
- c) Younger women need to be taught how to love their husbands.
 - i) The Bible says that this is something that can be learned.
 - ii) Just as the Bible commands husbands to love their wives, behind every command of God is the omnipotent power of God to carry it out.
 - (1) How do we carry it out?
 - (a) We learn to do it.
 - iii) God did not call wives to be their husband's conscience.
 - (1) It is God's responsibility to make him good, but it is the responsibility of a wife to love her husband.

4) THE LIFE SHE IS TO LIVE (TITUS 2:5)

- a) Titus 2:5
- b) She is to be discreet.
 - i) This mean to be sober-minded, serious, sensible, and to use good judgment.
 - ii) She is serious-minded.
 - (1) This is the reason the Bible says that when you find a wife, you find a good thing.
 - (a) Proverbs 18:22
 - (b) Proverbs 31:12
- c) She is to be chaste.
 - i) The word "chaste" means "pure."
 - ii) The Bible teaches premarital chastity and post-marital fidelity.
 - (1) God's plan is one man for one woman till death do them part.
 - (2) God's plan for sex education is not the secular school.
 - (a) It is the older women teaching the younger women, and it is fathers teaching their sons.
 - (b) The last place that kids need to learn about intimacy is in a school that has no Biblical or Christian values.
 - (i) Amoral sexual education will never work for good but only for harm.
 - (ii) There is a fixed standard of right and wrong.
- d) She is to be a keeper at home.
 - i) This does not mean that she stays at home and cannot ever go anywhere else.
 - ii) The word "keepers" in Titus 2:5 literally means "workers at home" or "homemaking."
 - iii) Homemaking is a God-approved and God-ordained occupation.

- (1) 1 Timothy 5:14
 - (a) Everything in society tells us that this is old fashioned and wrong.
 - (i) A woman is criticized if she marries, has children, and guides the house.
 - (b) The word "guide" here actually means "to rule" the house.
 - (i) It is the word from which we get our word "despot."
 - (ii) She is to be the queen in the home.
- (2) There is no higher calling; there is no greater career.
- iv) Some say that she needs to work so that the family can have more things.
 - (1) After all the added expenses and taxes, the family may not be gaining as much as they think they are.
 - (a) One study concluded that after the added expenses, only about ten percent of what the wife earns is literal gain.
 - (i) Oftentimes, what they get for that ten percent is an incredible amount of heartache, misery, failed homes, and delinquent children.
- v) This does not mean that the woman cannot do anything out of the house.
 - (1) Proverbs 31
 - (a) The activities of the woman described in this passage include travel, commerce, agriculture, charity, and ministry.
 - (i) But she did not neglect her household.
 - (b) This Scripture teaches that we are to see to the needs of our home and husband as primary.
 - (2) When considering whether or not she should work outside of the home, ask if it will help or hinder the family.
- e) She is to be good.
 - i) The word "good" in Titus 2:5 literally means "to be kind, kindhearted".
 - (1) It means this more than it means "to be morally straight."
 - ii) She is to be a woman in whose mouth is the law of kindness.
 - iii) Every home needs a head and a heart.
 - (1) The husband is the head of the home, and the wife is the heartbeat of the home.
 - iv) She is not to be hateful and sharp.
- f) She is to be obedient to her husband.
 - i) Headship of the husband is not dictatorship.
 - (1) The husband is not the dictator.
 - (2) He is to love his wife as Christ loved the church.
 - (a) He is to give himself to her as Christ gives himself to us.
 - ii) Subjection is not subjugation.
 - (1) Ephesians 5:22-23
 - iii) This has nothing to do with equality.
 - (1) Husbands and wives are equal before God; they are of equal worth.
 - iv) Today, we have a generation of people who are trying to blur the distinction between male and female.

- (1) God made them male and female.
 - (a) Genesis 1:27
- (2) Galatians 3:28
 - (a) In Christ, the ground around the cross is level.
 - (i) But the devil, under the guise of making men and women equal, has tried to make them the same and destroy the God-given differences.
- g) A woman who refuses God's plan will have difficulty.
 - i) She will have difficulty with God.
 - (1) There will be a sense of rebellion against God.
 - ii) She will have difficulty with her husband.
 - (1) Rather than being his completer, she will be his competitor.
 - (a) This is not what God intended.
 - iii) She will have difficulty with her children.
 - (1) If she does not learn to be under, she will never be able to be over.
 - (a) If we are not under God-given authority, then God cannot give us authority.
 - iv) She will have difficulty with herself.
 - (1) This is because her deepest, most God-given instincts will not be met.
 - (2) God made birds to fly and fish to swim.
 - (a) They are happy when they do what God made them to do.
 - (b) When a fish is taken out of the sea and put in a tree, he is an unhappy fish.
 - (i) He may think he wants to be there, but that is not his place.

5) CONCLUSION

- a) God has a wonderful plan.
 - i) If you do not think that God's plan is best, then look at today's society.
 - (1) Is this the society that God had planned and wanted?
 - ii) God has a plan; and when all else fails, read the directions.
- b) Where does all of this begin?
 - i) How can you discover God's wonderful plan?
 - ii) You first must have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.
- c) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- d) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31
 - v) John 3:16