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## Titus 2 Chat

### "She that is Unmarried Careth for the Things that Please the Lord"

- 1 COR. 7:34 the unmarried woman cares for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy in body and spirit.

Your head is the leadership/your spiritual fathers.

- ROMANS 7:12 the law is holy, just and good

The beginning of your works in the truth as a single sister is keeping the commandments.

- 1 COR. 6:15-19 Know ye not that he which is joined to a harlot is 1 body. 2 shall be one flesh. He that is joined to the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication, don't sin against your body. Your body is the temple of the holy ghost. You are not your own.
- JOHN 6:63 the spirit quickeneth, the flesh profiteth nothing. His words are life.

*"If you just sit and listen to these classes and you go home and you don't change, you're just here for nothing." - Mother Naamah H.O. Deacon Asaph*

### What Will Be your Works?

- 1 COR. 12:4-11 there are diverse gifts and different administrations and operation, but the same spirit, Lord and God working in all. (People will have different skills, different assignments etc within the congregation, but we should not be thinking we are better than anyone in our individual works, but our gifts are to benefit the nation and glorify God.)

We have many examples in the scriptures of our foremothers who had many skills such as Dorcas who was known for making garments, Phoebe was a helper to the church, Martha was hospitable, Lydia sold fabric etc..

### Be a Servant

- GAL. 5:13-14 use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another
- 1 TIM. 5:9-11 a widow...having been the wife of one man, well reported of for good works, lodged strangers, raised children, washed the saints feet, relieved the afflicted, diligently followed every good work.. (She must have a pattern of good behavior.)
- 1 TIM. 6:18-19 do good, rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate, laying up in store for themselves a good foundation...that they may lay hold on eternal life.. (Always be willing to offer your time, talents etc whatever you can to help! You want the kingdom you have to have works.)

You can help clean the school, prepare food, visiting those who are sick, assist mothers in labor or after childbirth and assist her household with cleaning and cooking etc. If sisters are going without clothes for her kids or lacking food etc sisters can come together and discreetly help buy her some things to surprise her. Even kind words can make a serious impact on someone. You are not doing the bare minimum, but as much as you can in this truth!

There is always something to do, and if you are not sure of what you can do then speak with the senior sisters in your congregation and they can give you something to do. Things must be done decently and in order.

### **Single Sisters Testimonies**

- Sis Amita
  - You really have to focus on your walk. A lot of sisters want to be married shortly after they come in but that may not be the Most High's plan. Worry about pleasing the Most High and let things happen on his time.

*“A lot of sisters are more focused on getting a Lord, rather than serving the Lord.”*

- Sis Chinuwa
  - Prepare your soul for temptation. You might not ever get married in this truth and you have to prepare your mind for that. Focus on building with your sisters. If you're not considerate in a relationship with your sisters how can you be with a Lord? Get counsel, have people around you that will tell you when your stuff stinks, and hold you accountable. Refrain from being idle. Don't just sit in your room doing nothing, your mind starts to wander and you will find yourself in sin. Be willing to endure. Know your triggers. If there is certain music that you know triggers evil thoughts and spirits then be mindful.

*“Now that I'm busy I don't have time to think about all that stuff. There's plenty of stuff to do in the body to keep busy, and you won't have time for what's not of the Most High.”*

- Sis Mowriyah Judah
  - We have to learn how to separate ourselves from the women in the world. If you are single and you don't have any children, idleness is going to be one of your biggest enemies. We are supposed to study at our leisure. If you're not studying you can only play that off for so long. You have an advantage as a single sister, to study in that leisure time you may have. When you go home and you're by yourself there is nobody to check you. What do you do with our free time? Are you able to be left to yourself?

*“Be very mindful of your walk. Be intentional, be present.”*

*“How you feel, has nothing to do with what needs to be done.”*

- Judith 8:6-9, 24, 31 she fasted all the days of her widowhood except the feast days and Sabbaths. She was beautiful, she feared God greatly and people spoke highly of her. (Although she no longer had a husband she kept her mind on the ordinances of the Lord and was a great example.)

Single sisters have to be an example to other sisters and even teenagers, so they see what a good woman keeping the commandments looks like.

When temptation comes you have trained your eye on blessings of the Most High and on doing good.

- HEB. 10:25 consider one another and provoke one another unto love and good works

*“When you’re busy, you don’t have time for foolishness, because you’re being productive and helping someone.” - Mother Deborah H.O. Deacon Malachi*

### **Before Marriage**

This is the best time to self-examine.

- 1 COR. 15:30-31 I die daily.

### **Practice to Submit**

- HEB. 13:17 Obey them that have rule over you, submit..they watch for your soul
- 1 PET. 2:13-17 submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake..love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

\*obey: to comply with or follow the commands/restrictions/wishes/instructions of

When we go to work we know the order, but when we come into Israel we act like we’re all on the same level. Respect must be given to all those that are over us.

If you come for counsel, don’t go for the same thing over and over again and not apply what you’re being told. That’s a waste of time.

- SIRACH 7:29-31 fear the Lord and reverence his priests, love him that made thee with thy strength and forsake not his ministers (leadership and seniors sisters)

## **Practice to Answer Mildly: Practical Steps**

### **Conflict:**

- ECCL. 10:4 if the spirit of the ruler rises up against thee, leave not thy place, for yielding, pacieth great offenses (There's so much that can be pacified by you just saying "Ok." Stay in the spirit!)

### **Trust in the Lord:**

- PROV. 3:5-6 trust in the Lord..lean not on your own understanding..(Staying in your lane and letting the Most High fight for you makes life much easier for you.)

### **Be a Peacemaker:**

- MATT. 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers, they shall be called the children of God.
- SIRACH 37:12 be continually with a godly man..whose mind is according to yours and will sorrow with you

\*empathy: the ability to understand and share the feelings of another

Don't be around people struggling with the exact same spirit as you. Utilize the resources around you and cleave to the people that are going to correct you and build you up. Correction is not always soft, sometimes it is harsh but it may be what you need.

- JUDE 1:23 with some have compassion and others save with fear.

Some sisters will avoid speaking to certain sisters or leadership wives because they don't want to be corrected, be judged, or they say they are intimidating, but they have not tried to speak to them yet. Don't make excuses, that is evil surmising to assume things like that about sisters. Also, be mindful that you are seeking counsel from the right people! Don't get itching ears and try to get counsel from the people that tell you what you want to hear.

- GAL. 4:16 am I your enemy because I tell you the truth?

### **Dealing with Temptation**

- 1 COR. 7:8-9 to the unmarried and widows, if they cannot contain let them marry, for it is better to marry than to burn (Battling lust.)

Sister may be battling lust can get involved in secret relationships and it's a huge mess.

- 1 COR. 6:18 flee fornication

Mind your conversation and avoid your triggers! A recovering alcoholic should not be in a bar. You should not be having inappropriate conversations with sisters about sexual things. Be mindful of the music you listen to, as a lot of the music our people make is about sex. Listen to IUIC radio, listen to a class etc. This includes the movies that you watch. Turn it off if there is sin involved. Change your thoughts!

- JOB 31:1 I made a covenant with my eyes, why then should I look upon a maid?

If you see a fine brother you need to avert your eyes, stay shamefaced. If there's a movie or a song that has something sexual or involving a sin from your past that makes you feel or think a certain way, turn it off. Use the scriptures to combat those wicked thoughts and urges. Esau is pushing their sinful doctrines with their media all day. IUIC has plenty of classes, podcasts, music etc. You have to fast and pray, get counsel, surround yourself with the righteous etc. Change your company, don't stay close with the people you used to be friends within the world. Be around the godly. Evil communications corrupt good manners. Get counsel from your leadership wives. Come together with other sisters and cook and just watch class and hang out in a learning environment to avoid being idle.

- SIRACH 23:4-5 give me not a proud look, turn away from me a haughty mind, vain hopes and concupiscence, and thou shalt hold him up that is desirous always to serve
- LUKE 14:29-31 count the cost.
- SIRACH 6:37 let thy mind be on the ordinances of the Lord, He will establish your heart.

*"You decided to repent and be in this walk, don't let it be for naught. We make mistakes but we have to keep striving." - Adaliyah H.O. Cpt. Amaziah*

### **How to Run a God-fearing Home without a Male Figure**

- JOSHUA 1:8 meditate/apply the scriptures day and night, and you'll be successful
- 1 TIM. 5:1 rebuke not an elder, but entreat him as a father
- EXODUS 20:12 honor thy father and thy mother (You have to honor your spiritual fathers and mothers in this truth. Listen to their counsel so you can be successful.)
- JAMES 1:22-23 be doers of the word and not just hearers, deceiving your own selves.
- SIRACH 4:10 ..a father to the fatherless..
- SIRACH 6:6 have one counselor of a thousand

### **How to Be Shamefaced**

- 1 TIM. 2:9-11 adorned in modest apparel, shamefacedness, and sobriety.. (Women in this truth must be covered up and be shy, not up in every brothers' face laughing and flirting.) Professing godliness with good works, learning in silence and subjection.
- SIRACH 26:6,9,22 a grief of heart and sorrow is a woman jealous of another woman. The whoredom of a woman may be known in her haughty looks and eyelids. A shameless woman is a dog.
- PROV. 7:7-11 a woman with the attire of a harlot met a young man void of understanding..She was subtle of heart, loud, stubborn, and her feet abide not in her house. She is without, now in the streets and lieth in wait at every corner.

*"Bible open, legs closed!"*

- PHILIP. 4:8 whatsoever things are honest, just, pure, lovely, good report, virtue