



Young Mothers 2018

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Assignment:

Orientation Lesson 2010 and 2014

The Overwhelming Joys of Life

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Memory Passage: Titus 2:3-5

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What WERE your expectations of this stage of life?

- Idealism?
- Impossibilities of others' expectations?
- Perfection: your perception of God's expectations?

God's Expectations

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11-12 *For the grace of God has appeared,*

- *bringing salvation to all men, REDEMPTION*
- *instructing us **to deny** ungodliness and worldly desires and **to live** sensibly, righteously and godly **in the present age**, SANCTIFICATION*
- *looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,*

2 Peter 1:2-4 *Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power **has** granted to us **everything pertaining to life and godliness**, through the **true knowledge of Him** who called us by His own glory and excellence.*

There has to be a way for you to live sensibly, righteously and godly—to meet God’s expectations as a young woman—in your present age.

The Problem: Effects of the Curse

- Woman was made in the image of God. *Genesis 1:26-27; 5:1*
- Womanhood in its original creation was **VERY GOOD**, and the woman was **SINLESS**. *Genesis 1:31*
- The woman was ashamed. *Genesis 3:7*
- The woman, so ridden with guilt and shame, hid herself from God. *Genesis 3:8*
- The woman, to relieve herself from guilt, shifted the blame and excused herself. *Genesis 3:13*
- The effects of the curse for women are in the two areas of our original created purpose: to multiply and fill the earth, and to be a help meet for the man! *Genesis 3:16*
- Women share in the curse on man. *Genesis 3:17-19*

- **Resistance from without**

Romans 8:19-22 For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.

²⁰ *For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope*

²¹ *that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.*

²² *For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.*

- **Resistance from within**

Romans 7:18-23 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not.

¹⁹ *For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want.*

²⁰ *But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.*

²¹ *I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good.*

²² *For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man,*

²³ *but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members.*

(Ecclesiastes 7:20; Galatians 5:17)

We live under the curse of sin
and have a sin nature!



The Solution: Filling of the Spirit

Remember, God is your FATHER!

- He deals with you as a son/child. *Hebrews 12:7*
- *Psalms 103:13-14 Just as a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him. For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are but dust.*

Here is His Fatherly counsel: Ephesians 5

1. ¹⁵ *Therefore be careful how you **walk**, not as unwise men/young women but as wise,*
¹⁶ *making the most of your time, because the days are **evil**.*
¹⁷ *So then do not be foolish, but understand what the **will of the Lord** is.*
2. ¹⁸ *And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be **filled with the Spirit**.*

“As that man’s mind and heart and will are affected by that wine, so we are to be influenced and affected in mind and heart and will by the Holy Spirit. The man who is under the influence of wine can no longer control himself. Very well, says Paul, let the Holy Spirit control you. That is what it means to be filled with the Spirit.”

“This filling is something which patently we control; and therefore, it is put to us in the form of a command or an exhortation, ‘Go on being filled and controlled by the Spirit.’ In other words, we must get rid of all notions of passivity here; you do not just wait for this to happen. It is in your power and mine to determine whether we are filled with the Spirit or not.” ~ *D. Martin Lloyd-Jones*

Choose and Yield!

What does that look like?

1. ¹⁹ *speaking to 'yourself' in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord.*
 - internal singing in our hearts – Joy!
2. ²⁰ *always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father.*
 - giving thanks in every circumstance!
2 Corinthians 12:9-10
3. ²¹ *and 'being' subject to one another in the fear of Christ.*
 - fitting each relationship rightly: wife, husband, child, father, servants, masters

The Apostle Paul does not tell people to 'submit themselves one to another' – 'husbands and wives' to submit themselves one to another in the right way, and in the right spirit, and likewise 'children and parents' and 'masters and servants' – he does not ask them to do that, without saying to them first of all, 'Be filled with the Spirit'. He says that such conduct is quite impossible without that essential preliminary condition.

~ D. Martin Lloyd-Jones

*Galatians 5:19-25 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have **crucified/denied** the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, REDEMPTION let us also **walk/live** by the Spirit. SANCTIFICATION*

Be filled with the Spirit of God and you **WILL** manifest the fruit of the Spirit in all your relationships; in marriage, in parenting etc.

The Encouragement: Run with Endurance

Hebrews 12:1-13

1. You're running a race. It's your own individual race that God has appointed for you.
2. Where is "your" JOY?
(Colossians 1:10; I Timothy 6:17)

. . . it is not in what He is to me, not in what He is working or has worked, or may work in, for or by me, but in Himself I am to rejoice; in what He is and has in Himself absolutely. And this, it appears to me, is the only possible or even legitimate ground for constant, unchanging, full joy. We cannot but rejoice, when our oneness with Him is realized, in His preciousness, grace, love, holiness, indeed in all His perfections. He is 'the same, yesterday, and today and forever.' If our joy be in His keeping down sin in us, a fall or two destroys that; if it be in His working in or through us, we may not be conscious of the measure in which He is doing so, and may be puffed up or cast down without due reason; but if it be in Him as He is this cannot change or fluctuate.

~ Hudson Taylor

3. Endurance
4. Discipline

God is perfecting our faith
so that we can and will share His Holiness.

Potpourri of Practical Applications

EXPECTATIONS

You know the pressure and difficulty of other people's expectations of you. So, let's be careful not to create difficulty for others by our expectations of them.

1 Corinthians 13:7 . . . hopes all things Colossians 3:12-13a So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another . . .

(Gives others the benefit of the doubt when they could be misread; interprets their intentions with generous optimism.)

Be on guard that you not cause offense and be careful not to take offense.

1 Corinthians 13:5 does not take into account a wrong suffered 2 Timothy 2:24 The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all. . . patient when wronged.

(Does not "make an account of" evils suffered but forgives and forgets just as God "remembers our sins no more.")

APPLICATIONS

When it comes to practical applications of Scriptural principles, my experience is that if I whole-heartedly embrace what the Scripture DOES say and then pray and seek for wisdom, without doubting (James 1:5), God will lead me to answers and help me know what to do. (Psalm 25:14)



PRIORITIES

Priority: a thing that is regarded as more important than another.

- Give diligence to maintain Biblical priorities for YOUNG women.
 - Pray
 - Let the scripture guide you in determining your priorities.
 - Commit yourself to God’s creative design for you as a wife and mother.
 - Illustration: A pebble in a pond.

Don’t let life “control” you—be “Spirit of God” controlled! Be devoted to your calling.

- Simplify every area of “Living.”
Weigh priorities in each area: personal life, family life, keeping the home, possessions . . .

“If you can’t work harder work smarter.”

~ Jeanne Vincent

- Meals; Laundry; Cleaning; Organization; Home decorating
- Technology – We cannot do away with it altogether because it is an inescapable part of our “age.” So we have to learn to “deny” the ungodly and worldly desires of it and “live” sensibly, righteously and godly with it.

Prayer

Oh God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, now, equip me in every good thing to do Your will, working in me that which is pleasing in Your sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. ~ adapted from Hebrews 13:20-21