



Lesson 1

Being a “REMINDERER”

2 Peter 1:2-15

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Purpose of this Class: to REMIND You

“We,” the teachers . . . *will always be ready to remind you of these things, even though you already know them, and have been established in the truth which is present with you. “We” consider it right, as long as “we” are in this earthly dwelling, to stir you up by way of reminder, . . . And “we” will also be diligent that at any time after our departure you will be able to call these things to mind.* 2 Peter 1:12-13, 15

“These Things”:

- that you can have abundant entrance into the eternal kingdom of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
- that Grace and Peace will be multiplied to you knowing that all things pertaining to life and godliness are granted to us through our growing knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,
- that through God’s precious and magnificent promises you can become a partaker of His Divine Nature as you diligently supply to your faith in Christ—moral excellence, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love.
- more specifically for this class: All aspects of Biblical Womanhood.

Being a “REMINDERER” to Young Women

II Peter 1:12-13, 15

. . . to love their husbands, to love their children, to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored. Titus 2:4-5

~Being a “REMINDERER” is a Good Deed

Titus 2

Our testimony before men

- fits sound doctrine, v. 1
- does not dishonor the Word of God, v. 5
- is characterized by good deeds accompanied with purity in doctrine, v. 7
- adorns the doctrine of God in every respect, v. 10

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. Ephesians 2:8-10

Much of Paul's instruction in his letter to Titus points to this goal of engaging in good deeds.

- Titus an example of good deeds, 1:7
- not just engaging in good deeds, but ZEALOUS for good deeds, 2:14
- to always be ready for good deeds . . . showing every consideration for all men, 3:1
- all believers are to be careful to engage in good deeds, 3:8
- good deeds include meeting pressing needs, 3:14
- part of our fruitfulness—goodness is a segment of the fruit of the Spirit 3:14

Our specific good deed:

*Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, **teaching what is good, so that they may encourage the young women.** Titus 2:3-4a*

~ Being a “REMINDERER” is Not Optional

- be careful not to eliminate yourself on the basis of inadequacy
- neither can you eliminate yourself on the basis of being unqualified
- remember we’re talking about “normal Christianity” which is pursuing God not perfection

*“Be prepared to sacrifice self:
time, resources, focus,
emotion, spiritual energy.”*

~Being a “REMINDERER” is Essential to the Body of Christ

- the body cannot function properly without you.
- 1 Corinthians 12:14-19

“It is interesting that of all the ways Paul could have told the women to combat the decadence of their culture, he told them to invest their energies in training the younger women to live Christianly in their society. The reputation of the Word of God was at stake. The behavior of Christian women was a pivotal issue, and the involvement of older women was of primary importance.” (Spiritual Mothering, p. 42)

“From all that I had read of history and government of human life and manners, I had drawn this conclusion, that the manners of women were the most infallible barometer to ascertain the degree of morality and virtue of a nation. The Jews, the Greeks, the Romans, the Swiss, the Dutch, all lost their public spirit and their republican forms of government when they lost the modesty and domestic virtues of their women.”(John Adams, quoted in Spiritual Mothering, p. 42)

~Practical Ideas for Being a “REMINDERER”

What are some practical, simple ways you can fill your role?

Make their acquaintance:

- Ask to pray with them at Wednesday night prayer meeting
 - Follow up with a phone call the next week to see how the Lord is answering prayer and ask if there’s anything else you can pray for.
- Be on the alert for “lonely” women at church. Make their acquaintance. Invite them to your home for coffee or tea.
- Invite several young couples to your home for dinner; follow up with contacts at church

Provide spiritual fellowship:

- Pray for and with them
- Memorize Scripture together
- Read a book together and discuss it
- Share the lessons you’ve learned—things you wish you had known when you were in their position.

Minister to their needs:

- Offer to baby sit
- Make a meal for their family for no special reason
- Share simple economical recipes

Cautions:

- Be respectful of their time with phone calls and visits (remember when you were in their shoes)
- Don’t contradict their husband’s leadership in any way
- Demonstrate for them the principle below.

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you. Hebrews 13:17

“When a young woman is struggling with her priorities, having time with the Lord, overwhelmed with keeping her home, staying on top of training her multiple children, being cross and irritable, not getting enough sleep, feeling out of touch with her husband, guilt for not being involved enough in ministry . . . etc. she needs someone to come alongside and say, ‘It’s going to be OK. I know how you feel. I’ll pray for you. Would you like to talk about it?’”

*“Make room in your life
for young women.”*

Being a “REMINDERER” to Your Children

II Peter 1:12-13, 15

~Your Scriptural Authority for Being a “REMINDERER”

1. The Fifth Commandment

Eph 6:2 HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise),

Eph 6:3 SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.

Honoring “us” is one of the most important things there is that we need to teach our children.

- it’s number 5 in the list of the top ten things that God knew were vitally important to communicate to us.
- a lifelong responsibility not just for little children in the home; for adult children

2. An Illustration from the Book of Proverbs

A father speaking to his young adult son:

Pro 1:8 Hear, my son or daughter, **your father's instruction** and do not forsake **your mother's teaching**;

Pro 4:1 Hear, O sons, the **instruction of a father**, and give attention that you may gain understanding,

Pro 6:20-21 My son, observe the **commandment of your father** and do not forsake the **teaching of your mother**; Bind them continually on your heart; Tie them around your neck.

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Pro 2:1-2 My son,...**receive my words** and **treasure up my commandments** with you, making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding;

Pro 3:1 My son, **do not forget my teaching**, but **let your heart keep my commandments**;

Pro 4:4-5 ..."**Let your heart hold fast my words; Keep my commandments** and live; Acquire wisdom! Acquire understanding! **Do not forget nor turn away from the words of my mouth.**"

Pro 4:20-21 My son, **give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your sight; Keep them in the midst of your heart.**

Pro 5:1 My son, **give attention to my wisdom, incline your ear to my understanding**;

Pro 7:1-3 My son, **keep my words** and **treasure my commandments within you. Keep my commandments and live, And my teaching as the apple of your eye. Bind them on your fingers; Write them on the tablet of your heart.**

Pro 23:26 Give me your heart, my son, And **let your eyes delight in my ways.**

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Pro 23:15-16 My son, if your heart is wise, My own heart also will be glad; and my inmost being will rejoice When your lips speak what is right.

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Pro 23:19-26 Listen, my son, and **be wise**, and direct your heart in the way. Listen to your father who begot you, and do not despise your mother when she is old. Buy truth, and do not sell it, get wisdom and instruction and understanding. The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice, and he who sires a wise son will be glad in him. Let your father and your mother be glad, and let her rejoice who gave birth to you. Give me your heart, my son, and let your eyes delight in my ways.

### 3. The Example of Jesus Christ, the Son of Man

- just like Jesus Christ's relationship to the church gives us a picture of what marriage is supposed to be like
- so His relationship to God the Father gives us a picture of what the parent/child relationship should look like
- the delight of the Father is because of the humble recognition of need by the Son

### 4. The Promise

*Eph 6:3 SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.*

*Pro 1:8-9 your father's instruction and . . . your mother's teaching; Indeed, . . . are a graceful wreath to your head And ornaments about your neck.*

*Pro 2:5 then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. (ESV)*

*Pro 3:2 For length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you.*

*Pro 4:10 And the years of your life will be many.*

*Pro 5:2 That you may observe discretion And your lips may reserve knowledge.*

*Pro 6:22-24 When you walk about, they will guide you; When you sleep, they will watch over you, And when you awake, they will talk to you. For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching is light; And reproofs for discipline are the way of life to keep you . . .*

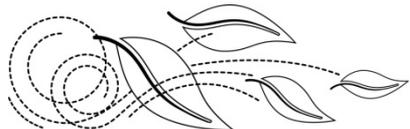
—Can you say to your adult children:

*Pro 4:11 I have directed you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in upright paths.*

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Pro 4:12 When you walk, your steps will not be impeded; and if you run, you will not stumble.

Pro 4:22 For they are life to those who find them and health to all their body.



—how does that fit with leaving father and mother?

Eph 5:31 FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH.

- What it means
- What it does not mean

Are you willing and ready to diligently REMIND them of the things they already know so that when you are gone, they will be able to call to mind the wisdom that you taught them.

-not controlling, not coercing, not threatening,
not nagging, not frantic pleading,
just in quiet faith, unwaveringly reminding them.

Conclusion

~Would you allow me and the other teachers to REMIND you of things that you already know, things pertaining to life and godliness, specifically those regarding Biblical Womanhood.

~Would you renew your commitment to fill your role as an older woman in the body of Christ and be a teacher of good and an encourager for the young women, helping them CALL TO MIND and apply the things they already know.

~Would you accept the challenge and rewarding ministry of REMINDING your own children of the things they already know so that they can receive the rewards in this life of following the path of Wisdom.

Be a "REMINDERER"

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