

**A Closer Look**  
Mentors Who Make A Difference

Memory verse: Proverbs 31: 30,31 Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates. (ESV)

*In Titus 2:3-4, women are encouraged to be active in looking after the next generation, mentoring them on how to be a woman of God. Being a “Titus 2 Woman” is the design God has for us to encourage one another to be faithful to God’s calling on our lives. Let’s spend some time this week taking a closer look at Christian mentoring.*

Begin with prayer. Ask the Lord to speak to you through His Holy Spirit. Use your Bible for the answers.

1. Review Titus 2:3-4 and list the qualities an older woman is to have and how she is to be training younger women.

2. Look up the definition of the word, “mentor” and write it out. Based on this, how would you describe a spiritual mentor in your own words?

3. Although the term “mentoring” doesn’t appear in the Bible, we find many examples of mentoring throughout Scripture. Let’s read about some of the mentoring relationships found in God’s Word.

- Jethro and Moses: Read Exodus 18. What do you notice about Jethro’s relationship with Moses? How is God present in the relationship between Moses and Jethro? Notice how Jethro provides very practical advice to Moses. How can mentors help people see possibilities they might otherwise overlook?
  
- Eli and Samuel: Read 1 Sam 1:26-28; 2:18-19, 26; and all of chapter 3. Although Eli is a flawed character, God use him to mentor Samuel and prepare him for God’s calling on his life. How did Eli nurture Samuel’s faith? Consider how trust and patience are at work in this story and how they relate to mentoring.

- Naomi and Ruth: Read Ruth 1:7-18; 2:17-3:6; 4:13-17. Naomi and Ruth had a deep affection for one another. What role does affection play in mentoring? How did Naomi advise Ruth? How did she encourage her? How was God's spirit present in their relationship?
- Jesus and his disciples: Read Luke 9. Make a note of all you notice about how Jesus mentored His disciples in both words and actions. How did Jesus confirm their faith? How did He prepare the disciples for ministry?

4. Reflection: Can you name one or more women who are making or have made a great spiritual impact on your life? What personal qualities do they have that encourage you to live a life of true biblical womanhood? Take time to thank God for putting them in your life.

*Application: After praying for conviction and insight, look back at Titus 2:3-4 and take time to evaluate yourself.*

- *If you are a "younger" woman, are you living your life in such a way, growing in the things Titus 2 describes, so that you will be able to teach these things when you are older? What steps will you take to grow in this area?*
- *If you are an "older" woman, what do your words and actions say to younger women? Are you obeying the commands laid out in Titus 2? What steps will you take to apply these verses to your life?*

*End your study by thanking the Lord for what you have learned this week, ask Him to help you apply the truths you have learned.*

For further study: In Titus 2:3, Paul writes of women who are reverent, the New Living translates that as "women who live in a way that honors God". Using the resources you have at hand (dictionary, Bible dictionary, concordance and your Bible), do a word study on what it means to honor God. Define the term and search for verses that help you understand what it truly means to honor God.