

## What Happens After a Titus 2 Event?

"Ezer's Handbook," reviewed during the final session of the retreat, offers Titus 2 women a variety of suggestions for influencing the culture.

Many possibilities abound!



- Use portions of the Titus 2 Study Guide to host a small Titus 2 group of your own.
- Make use of the 12-lesson Bible study *Men, Women and Relationships* by Linda Bartlett. Appropriate for mature HS students on up to grandmothers. Helpful for deaconesses, wives of pastors, and mothers and daughters. May also be used by men's groups or married couples. (\$10 includes leader's guide)
- Use the ten-lesson Bible study *Dressing for Life: Secrets of the Great Cover-up* by Linda Bartlett for young women in youth group, confirmation, or a mother/daughter event. Host a retreat or "sleep-over" for teen-aged girls using selected lessons. Lessons include: "Fig Leaves Aren't Enough," "Jesus Covers Our Shame and Embarrassment," "Is Clothing a Language?," "The Look and Behavior of Love," "Living in the Presence of God," and "The Perfect Dress." (\$15 PDF format, reproducible)
- Reach out to women who have suffered the loss of a child through miscarriage or stillbirth with the devotional booklet titled *Into His Loving Care* (#902B - \$2)
- Mentor single moms using the devotional booklet by Linda Bartlett entitled *Not Alone* (#901B - \$2)

All of the above may be ordered from  
[www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org), [www.cph.org](http://www.cph.org)  
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## Titus 2 for Life Planning a Retreat



### Titus 2 Day Retreat

**LOCATION:**

A home, "coffee house," "tea room," or cozy church library or fireside room

**TIME REQUIRED:**

9:00 to 5:00 (Four to five sessions plus "break" times and either brunch or lunch.)

**COST:**

Mileage, lodging, & \$250 honorarium (if possible)

**STUDY GUIDE:**

\$20 for each participant (three-ring binder complete with five sessions, all Bible passages, resources, and "Ezer's Handbook").

### Titus 2 Overnight Retreat

**LOCATION:**

A home with lodging nearby, "bed & breakfast" establishment, or cozy retreat center

**TIME REQUIRED:**

6:00 Friday evening through 3:30 on Saturday afternoon (includes meals)

**COST:**

Mileage, lodging, & \$300 honorarium (if possible)

**STUDY GUIDE:** \$20 (see above)

## History of Titus 2 for Life

This particular Titus 2 ministry was built over a period of many years and includes "for life" for a reason. God sets before us "life and death, blessings and curses." He wants us to trust Him and "choose life" (Deut. 30:19-20). This choice has a hopeful and generational influence.

For many years, Linda Bartlett served as national president of Lutherans For Life. She was invited to speak to men, women, and teens. The speaker became the listener. She heard stories of desperation, poor choices, and the consequences that followed. Countless women helped Linda understand that desperation and poor choices result when we fail to trust God's Word and, instead, allow ourselves to be swayed by the world.

In 2003, Linda stepped down from the presidency to begin Titus 2 for Life. Her first grandchild helped her better appreciate the positive impact of Titus 2:1-8. Today, this ministry works in cooperation with Word of Hope ([www.word-of-hope.org](http://www.word-of-hope.org)) as a model for mentoring.

## Worldview

The Titus 2 worldview is shaped by the truth of Creation, The Fall, and Redemption through Jesus Christ.

*See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits (false teachings) of the world, and not according to Christ (Colossians 2:8).*

## Lessons & Objectives

### Part I: We Are Vulnerable

**Objective:** To recognize spiritual battle (Genesis 3:1), understand that we are more vulnerable when deceived by the world, and trust God's Word for mentoring generations of hope.

### Part II: We Have Identity

**Objective:** To affect the culture by trusting our identity as a creation of God, daughter of Eve, helper, and treasure (Genesis 1:27; 2:18; 2 Corinthians 6:18; Matthew 13:44)

### Part III: Light in the Darkness

**Objective:** To no longer be deceived by ideas of the world, but shine light in the darkness and adjust every attitude and behavior to glorify God.



## Part IV: We Are Wise or Foolish

**Objective:** To understand that, at any given time, we are either wise or foolish women; both in need of the covering of Jesus Christ.



## Part V: Opportunities of Hope

**Objective:** To put God's Word to use and, with suggestions from "Ezer's Handbook," faithfully build a future of hope.

## Did God Really Say . . . ?

*They exchanged the truth of God for a lie (Romans 1:25).* Because we have all been deceived, group discussion will press some "hot buttons." As time allows, the following statements will be closely examined: "Genesis is just a story," "Equal means being the same," "It's all about me," "Children should feel comfortable with their sexuality," "Marriage is repressive," "Gay marriage is legal, therefore right," "It's my body, my choice," "My sin is too big for God to forgive," "It's my right to dress how I please," "Anything boys do girls can do better," "A woman has the right to serve in combat," "Nothing changes when women compete with men in the workplace," "I will never teach my daughter to trust a man," and "There are no Biblical reasons why women can't be ordained."



## Some Details

**Why the Home?** We daily battle Satan, the world, and our own sinful nature. For this reason, Titus 2 Retreats are designed for the home or a quiet "Bed & Breakfast." The world pulls women away from their homes, but God sees the home as a place of safety, respect, reflection, and encouragement.

**Who should be invited?** Any woman, age 18 and older, who is willing to think and live counterculture. Guests should be willing to consider controversial issues and contrast the world with God's Word. Invite young moms, grandmothers, single women, pastor's wives, deaconesses, teachers, pro-life friends, and pregnancy center volunteers.

**What about funding?** Ask guests to pay for their own Study Guide (\$20). Host a bake sale or invite your women's group, Lutherans For Life, boards of human care and education, or private individual to help cover expenses. A registration fee for larger retreats is appropriate. Invite friends to help you prepare and serve meals.