

For Sunday, September 1, 2019

## FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION FROM AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup>

II Timothy 3:6-7 “6 For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions,<sup>7</sup> always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth.”

Why does Paul go there?

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| a. | He is a chauvinist        | c. | Only women are in households      |
| b. | Only women succumb to sin | d. | The problem deals with weak women |

Is this an unfair categorization of women?

No. Paul isn't categorizing anyone. He is identifying a demographic being targeted by wicked propagators of false teaching.

What made these women weak (vulnerable)?

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| a. | They were Roman              | c. | They were ignorant |
| b. | They were sinful and selfish | d. | They were women    |

\* Roman women lost their way as the society degraded. Augustus's wife, Cornelia, was regarded as an icon of education, elegance, and poise. She was a living example of monogamous devotion, domestic commitment, and general family values. However, as the years went by, women were known to reference time by which husband they'd had.

What cultural norms contribute to the weakness of women today?

\* Sin and selfishness is directly referenced in the passage. It is also clearly opposite of the godliness which should mark the life of a Christian.

What sins and lusts mark weak women of our day?

\* Ignorance of truth can be an easy result of studying the wrong things. (EG, You will not make it to heaven by studying Buddhism. Also, you can't fix a locomotive by studying a recipe book.)

What things do women study for empowerment today, but are left wanting?

\* While women are weaker than men, they aren't referenced thus in the context here. Their weakness is based upon themselves, not in comparison to any other.

What women of the Bible were strong?

How then can one build strength? How do you overcome, or avoid weakness?

1. Deal with sin in a godly manner. Confess it – I Jn. 1:9. Repent of it – Prov. 28:13
2. Deal with lust in a godly manner. Get away from it – II Tim. 2:22
3. Study the truth. God's Word is It – II Tim. 2:15