

LIKE THE WOMAN AT THE
WELL,
BELIEVE THAT GOD
CAN SATISFY YOUR
DEEPEST THIRST

GOOD THINGS HAPPEN TO GODLY WOMEN!

Women are often a mystery to us men! We often don't really understand them too well. I have ceased to try to find out these things really and have focused instead, I hope just to love God and His Work and study his Wonderful Word.

In fact only the Bible can fully help us (men to) understand women. In today's world, there is so much confusion and a one broad paint brush of 'women' so that we are led to believe by the world and the devil that all women are the same.

So the other day, I was reading something Paul wrote (Groans from some people), it was so startling, I wonder why I never got it before. It helped me see clearly how God looks at women.

1 Timothy 5 : 5 Now [a woman] who is a real widow and is left entirely alone and desolate has fixed her hope on God and perseveres in supplications and prayers night and day,

6 Whereas she who lives in pleasure and self-gratification [giving herself up to luxury and self-indulgence] is **dead even while she [still] lives.**

Paul had been talking about widows and I will paste in those verses later below. But here we see the amazing 'two types of women' the first in verse 5 is a widow (or can also I think be applied to a grown woman in general), but this widow has 'fixed her hope on God and perseveres.' The godly widow, is sold out to Jesus and loves Him, works hard and prays earnestly and with faith by day and night. This is great. In the Bible Anna was a widow and a prophetess; a good example of this and she was blessed to see baby Jesus in the temple **Luke 2:36-38.**



Paul mentions then the other type of woman of which there seem to be vast armies of them, even among Christians.



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Such a woman loves material things, Gucci bags, high heels, chocolate, houses, rich men, spending hours getting her nails done and all the thousands of other vital and must have things of a 'self-indulgent' nature.

The devil of course rules the material world (Luke 4:8-10) and the glory of them, and is happy to bombard all global women with as much material stuff as he can. The result is, such a woman is dead while she lives! A dead woman walking.

You could hardly find a bigger contrast between the righteous and the wicked in the Bible. One is pleasing God and the other is pleasing herself and the devil. It sounds simplistic, but this is being acted out daily and globally. The choice belongs to each woman. Of course men have their own share of problems and choices. Let there be equality here, so no one is offended!

I have been very impressed by a small variety of godly women in my life, mainly and just like the verses Paul gives, because they are dedicated to the Lord. In fact the ones I admired the most, and impacted my life, were all widows.

Let me share some thoughts about one of them who I will call Rosemary, or Mrs R. I met Mrs R, while out door to door evangelising in west London in the late 1980's. Mrs R came from the Caribbean, a small island called St Lucia. She had been a Christian many years. She invited me in to her house. We had lunch together. She was fascinated by our mission work and also by some testimonies and photos I shared.



Mrs R began to pray as we sat down together and about to eat the giant fry-up she had prepared! She said 'let's 'say grace' and she ended up praying for over half an hour! I was amazed, but every breath of that prayer went all over the world to win souls, heal people, bless me and my family, her own family and their spiritual progress. Prayers for the backslidden people she knew, and also her church, Pastor etc. Finally, at 15 minutes in, when I thought she was about to say 'In Jesus' Name, Amen,' she found a second wind and kept on. Finally it was over and she, with a big radiant smile, looked up and blessed God, and me for coming. Wonderful. Miraculously the food was still fairly warm and we tucked in!

Praise the Lord.



On her kitchen table was a small plastic jar. On it the words were labelled 'missionaries'. I found out over the years that Mrs R, was diligent **to make everyone who visited her house give 'something' into that jar!** It didn't matter if the visitor was an unsaved plumber, an electrician, the man putting an extension on to the kitchen, a friend, someone saved or unsaved, it didn't matter to Mrs R, they all needed to be giving to the Lord. Perhaps a local care worker arrived, or someone from the council to discuss a matter; she in her own sweet and wonderful manner, asked for help, and I saw with my own eyes, many people 'give' in this manner! I don't think she let anyone escape the house until they had.

Mrs R's husband had died some years before, her brother had become blind in an industrial accident and he lived upstairs and came down to eat or fellowship. A lovely man who loved God also. Her son Mr C, had unfortunately, according to Mrs R, 'backslidden'. He did not live there but he often visited his mother, knowing he

would usually be 'put under conviction' for drifting away from God. He was also a precious man around 25 to 30 years old at the time. Never give up on your kids, right? It seems dear Mrs R didn't give up on her only child either! She hosted mid week Bible studies which were well attended, she enrolled in a postal Bible College course to become a recognised and certificated teacher of the Word of God.

Most importantly I soon realised, that whatever she prayed for, answers were coming back from God all the time! I took full advantage of her fantastic ability to pray and asked her to pray for many things over about 25-30 years. She was also a faithful sponsor of our mission first in India and then later in China, all the funds coming from her 'jar' or some other form of government help! She tithed, she fasted, and she was a living breathing example of a godly woman!

When this lady goes into the next world there will be thousands of people standing up and giving her the warmest welcome and greatest welcome party, with Jesus there I am sure, in great delight! 'Well done, thou faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord'. Jesus Himself will tell dearest Mrs R. but is she finished? No she is still alive today, and being a huge blessing in the same place and God has more for her to still do down here!

Matthew 25:21 and 23

Mrs R was a faithful witness. She loved policemen and

always witnessed to them when she saw them on the street. She was always telling them they were God's agents, his special enforcers of the law, as it clearly says here in **Romans 13:**

'4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.'

The British policemen who often walked the streets of Southall, west London in pairs were either thrilled or amused, but at least they heard the Word of God about them and how important they are to God!

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I'd like to pray and ask the Lord to raise up even more women like dear Mrs R. I am sure there are already plenty, but the harvest is still plenteous. Let's pray that Christian women



can take up the challenge and move up to this kind of level, if they are not there already.

God is ready to bring you up! Ladies, Want to get to the 'next level'? This is it!

And like dear Mrs R, you will eventually have these words fulfilled in your lives!

2 Peter 1

4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye

might be partakers of the divine nature, **having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.**

5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God bless you. May we all pray and strive for these greater things.

Until next week,

Jerry for the WCF Team

Supporting Scriptures

Like the widow(s) in Mark 14

7 For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always.

8 She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying.

9 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.

And again in

Mark 12:

43: And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury:

44 For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she

had, even all her living.

'Widows'

1 Timothy 5: 9 Let no one be put on the roll of widows [who are to receive church support] who is under sixty years of age or who has been the wife of more than one man;

10 And she must have a reputation for good deeds, as one who has brought up children, who has practised hospitality to strangers [of the brotherhood], washed the feet of the saints, helped to relieve the distressed, [and] devoted herself diligently to doing good in every way.

11 But refuse [to enroll on this list the] younger widows, for when they become restive and their natural desires grow strong, they withdraw themselves against Christ [and] wish to marry [again].

12 And so they incur condemnation for having set aside and slighted their previous pledge.

13 Moreover, as they go about from house to house, they learn to be idlers, and not only idlers, but gossips and busybodies, saying what they should not say and talking of things they should not mention.

14 So I would have younger [widows] marry, bear children, guide the household, [and] not give opponents of the faith occasion for slander or reproach.

15 For already some [widows] have turned aside after Satan.

**** at least at that time in history and that area! But they remain enforcers according to the Word.**

GREAT WOMEN OF FAITH

Eve
Sarah
Rebekah
Rachel
Leah
Miriam
Deborah
Ruth
Esther
Mary, the Mother of Jesus
Anna
Martha and Mary
Phoebe
Priscilla
Lydia
Lois and Eunice
Susanna Wesley
Hannah More
Florence Nightingale
Fanny Crosby
Catherine Booth 1
Mary Slessor
Amy Carmichael
Ida Scudder
Henrietta Mears
Corrie ten Boom
Dorothy Sayers gospel/
Isobel Kuhn
Gladys Aylward Betty Stam
Mother Teresa
Edith Schaeffer
Sophie Scholl
Helen Roseveare
Elisabeth Elliot
Joni Eareckson Tada

These women, along with countless others left a lasting impact. Their stories inspire us to trust God, learn from our mistakes, and embrace His timing and to trust His Word.



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