

Women at Different Stages of Life

To the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ
Black Earth Assembly March 13, 2011

I. Young Women - Teens

- A. No Controversy, Obedience because of Faith, Submissive -
Matt 1:18-25, Luke 1:26-38, 1 Tim 3:16, Luke 1:46-47
- B. Great Faith, Good Desire, Good Testimony - 2 Kings 5:2-4
- C. Steadfast, Diligent, Faithful - Ruth 1:11-18, Ruth 2:2-7
- D. Amongst Christians praying, Knew Peter's voice, Confident –
Acts 12:11-16

Questions:

1. How will God reveal His plan for my life? God's Word will provide guidance, personal study of His Word is critical → private study → public power - one step revealed at a time
2. Is Mary, the mother of Jesus, just as prominent as Christ?
Luke 1:46-47
3. Why am I alone? God's purpose for aloneness
4. How can I be useful today?
5. Why should I follow Christ? Ruth 1:11-18
6. How do I spend my time? Rhoda present at prayer meeting – right place at the right time Acts 12:12
7. How did Rhoda know Peter's voice? Time spent with Christians

II. Single women

- A. Attending to things spoken of in Scripture - Acts 16:11-15,40
- B. Desire to first be a Worshipper - Acts 16:11-15
- C. Serving our Lord Jesus - Luke 10:38-42
- D. Chastity (virginity) - Acts 21:8,9 I Cor. 7:7-9,25-34
- E. Venerate (adoring reverence) and Hearing – Luke 10:38
- F. Gracious and Loving - John 19:25, Mark 16:9

Questions:

1. Is there value in my life if I'm single? 1 Corinthians 7
2. How can I balance work and the assembly?
Setting priorities Acts 16:11-15
3. What is that good part? Eternal things John 11:32
4. How should I be separate while being in the world? Consecration,
Identification of true citizenship, Hebrews 13:13,14

III. Married women

A. Married with Children - Psalm 127:3-5

1. Available to children – Deut. 6:6,7
2. Love her children - Titus 2:4
3. Teach Scriptures and Biblical world view - Psalm 78:5-6, Deuteronomy 4:10, Ephesians 6:4
4. Train – Proverbs 22:6
5. Discipline – Proverbs 13:24; 19:18; 22:15; 23:13-14; 29:15-17
6. Nurture – provide an environment of constant verbal support, freedom to fail, acceptance, affection, unconditional love Ephesians 4:29-32; 5:1-2; Galatians 5:22; 1 Peter 3:8-9
7. Model Integrity – Deuteronomy 4:9, Proverbs 10:9; 11:3; Psalm 37:18

B. Married with Unsaved Partners 1 Samuel 25, 1 Peter 3:1-4

1. Good Understanding
2. Self Respect
3. Submission to God
4. True Humility, Honesty, Great Courage, Spiritual Knowledge

C. Married with an Empty Nest

1. Time of Parting, Display of Affection - 1 Kings 19:20

Questions:

1. How is the teaching in Titus 2:3-5 imparted?
2. How can a mother's child bring her rest and how can the child give delight unto her soul? Proverbs 29:15-17
3. How does performing daily menial tasks bring glory to God? 1 Corinthians 10:31
4. How and why would a mother leave a child before God? Psalm 27:10
5. Is there anything I can do to help an unbelieving spouse come to be saved? 1 Peter 3:1-4
6. How did Abigail's spiritual knowledge help David? 1 Sam 25:35
7. What do I want FOR my child? Proverbs 10:1
8. What do I want FROM my child? Proverbs 23:22; Ephesians 6:2
9. Why is the first mention of a mother in the Bible immediately followed by an empty nest? Genesis 2:24

IV. Widowed women

- A. Prayer as Service - Luke 2:36,38, Matthew 6:6
- B. God's Grace extends to all, Faith drives out Fear –
Luke 4:26, I Kings 17:9,13
- C. Endurance through Sorrow - Luke 7:12, Hebrews 2:14
- D. Patient Pleading - Luke 18:3
- E. Complete Consecration - Luke 21:2, Mark 12:42, Matthew 6:4
- F. Destitute - I Timothy 5:2,5,9,16
- G. More Vulnerable - Stranger, Fatherless, Widow - Psalm 146:9
- H. Complete Dependence on God - under whose Wings thou art come to
Trust - Ruth 1:5

Questions:

1. Who is a widow? I Timothy 5
2. What would be the Christian equivalent of Anna's behavior today since the temple is no longer where God meets with His people?
Luke 2, Acts 12
3. Can a widow doubt God's provision? 1 Kings 17, Acts 6:1
4. What are some of the comforts available to Christian widows today?
weep not as others weep 1 Thessalonians 4, God maintains
boundaries Proverbs 15:25, saint's death is precious Psalm 116:15
5. How am I assured that my prayers are aligned with God's mind and
will for my life? Luke 18
6. What would be some actions today that would be similar to the
widow giving her two mites?
7. What is the Scriptural pattern to be followed for the care of destitute
widows? I Timothy 5
8. How does God use strangers, fatherless, and widows to test His
people's demonstration of Christian love and fellowship? I Timothy
5:4, Hebrews 13:2,
9. Does God condone a widow remarrying? I Corinthians 7:39,40
10. What is one of the great abiding principles that Ruth lived
throughout her life?