

WISDOM

for
women

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Vessels Unto Honour



Women are spirit-beings with souls and live in bodies. Therefore just like any other human being they should not be debased. The only thing that distinguishes them from men is their bodies (i.e. the physiological differences). The Bible does not call women weaker vessels as some people think. While addressing husbands concerning their wives, Peter, one of the disciples of Jesus Christ, instructed the husbands not to ill-treat their wives. Instead of beating or treating them with contempt, the husbands are admonished to honour them.

“Likewise, ye husbands dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered”

(1 Peter 3:7).

Here, Peter was addressing men who were not mature in the knowledge of God's Word, men who were not well-enlightened enough to recognise women as heirs of the grace of life with them and joint-heirs with Christ. He was addressing men who were too ignorant to know that dishonouring their wives brought displeasure to God their Creator. The repercussion of this attitude is grave: it is a hindrance to answered prayers.

The word translated 'weaker vessel' connotes 'beautiful, delicate and frail'. Note that the verse was only referring to the husband in relation to his wife. It does not describe every woman as a weak vessel. Note what it says, '...giving honour unto the wife as unto the weaker vessel'. This is not the same as 'giving honour unto the weaker vessel'. In other words, it is not referring to the wife as a weaker vessel but to the fact that she should be treated with consideration by virtue of the man's stronger physique.

The Amplified Translation gives a very clear rendering:

"In the same way you married men should live considerately with your wives, with an intelligent recognition of the marriage relation, honouring the woman as physically the weaker, but realising that

you are joint heirs of the grace (God's unmerited favour) of life in order that your prayer may not be hindered and cut off"

(1 Peter 3:7-TAT).

You may have a husband who constantly abuses you physically and mentally. The Bible says in 1 Thessalonians 4:4,

"That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;"

If you do not know how to possess your vessel, you will work against God's will. Do not misuse or disregard the vessel of God, or put yourself in a position to be despised by people; rather polish it with honour and sanctification. Consider God's Word of utmost importance in your daily life. Ensure that you are making spiritual progress through prayer, study of God's Word, giving, tithing, fellowship with the saints and your involvement in God's House. Spread the good news which has been committed to your trust, at every opportunity. All these must be taken seriously and not neglected. A woman is a vessel unto honour. When she gives God pre-eminence in her life, God will crown her with honour whether she is married or not.

The book of Proverbs says,

“A gracious woman retaineth honour: and strong men retain riches”
(Proverbs 11:16).

The importance that you place on the things of God is a reflection of the measure with which you value God and His Word. If you really esteem God’s Word, you will make yourself available in the things of God and you will not be ashamed to proclaim His Word. You will not be too busy to fellowship with other Christians. Rather, you will be bold to speak His Word to your circumstances and you will do everything to ensure the good news is heard and lived while you make the Word a reality in your life.

2 Timothy 2:21 says,

“If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master’s use, and prepared unto every good work.”

Make yourself available to God so that He can use you to touch lives. In other words, move beyond your home, place of work or school. Spend your time making God’s Word a reality rather than moving around in circles and achieving nothing. Every woman must be recognised as one

playing a vital role in the things of God. The Bible takes note of women who played vital roles in the life of Jesus. Never let any one relegate you to the background when it involves your Heavenly Father. Be bold and stand your ground.

What counts most is your relationship with God, that should be the most important aspect to you, because He dwells with you and in you forever: you carry Him everywhere. He never sleeps nor slumbers and He never permits anything to hurt you.

“I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace and confidence, in the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer[take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you]”

(John 16:33 - TAT).

If He is your Shepherd and you do not lack or want, then live like it and give Him first place.

Woman, you have an abundance of strength, even though physically you may not be as strong as a man. The

Bible has never referred to the strength of a man as anything in the sight of God. We know in our case that it is not by power or by might but by the Spirit of the Lord. The battles of life are not to the physically strong but to the spiritually capable as it is impossible to please God by the flesh. Therefore develop your spiritual strength by exercising your faith.

You can move mountains by faith. You can heal the sick, preach the gospel and raise the dead. You can have continuous victories by faith. Strength lies in how much maturity you demonstrate in your life through the influence of God's Word. Faith will make you a champion. When you study the Faith's Hall of Fame in Hebrews Chapter 11, you will notice all the amazing works that were done by men and women who acted by faith. You can do the same when faced with a challenge or a need. God has given to everyone the measure of faith (Romans 12:3)

“Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude,

*and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.
By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them
that believed not, when she had received the spies with
peace.*

*Women received their dead raised to life again: and
others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that
they might obtain a better resurrection.”*

(Hebrews 11:11-12,31,35)

You can make a world of difference when you act on God's Word. Begin today by writing down your plans for your place of worship. Know what you will do in the house of God this year. Know what you would like to accomplish in your Church, group meetings, home and at your place of work. Desire spiritual promotion! When you are busy with God's work and His Word you will not have time for lesser things and because your mind is occupied with God, He will make your life worth living. Desire spiritual gifts and spiritual results. He says,

*“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after
righteousness: for they shall be filled”*

(Matthew 5:6).

It is a terrible thing to be an empty vessel, walking without direction. Jesus said,

“...I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life”

(John 8:12).

Do not live for yourself. Live for the one who died for you. Is God recognised in your life? Are you living for Him or are you just managing to stand? Be in the class of Christians who are always developing their relationship with God. Let the things you say and do portray the life of Christ. Jesus said,

“Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?”

And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity”

(Matthew 7:22, 23).

How sad! The one who loves God is known of God.

It is a relationship. When you are His friend you will love Him. He can count on you and trust you because you are His vessel.

The Bible says, in Romans 9:23,

“And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,”

God’s plan from the beginning was to prepare us unto glory. He wants all His children to be His vessels. God told Ananias about Paul who was, before his conversion, persecuting the Christians. God said, *“...he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel.”* (Acts 9:15).

You are a vessel! You are not be like Sister ‘A’, so, rather than finding fault with her, find out what you do best and specialise at it. Do not be intimidated by the talents of others. See yourself the way God sees you. You have the ability to succeed. Use it to bless not to intimidate or despise others. There is no one like you. You have no duplicate. You are unique and you are God’s best!

Be Alive!
- Married or Single



Before you become anything you are primarily a Christian. Do not dominate your life with gender consciousness but with the consciousness of the Word and of being a Christian — a child of God. Jesus talked about the ten virgins in **Matthew 25:1-12**. They are classified into the foolish and the prudent.

I would say there are two kinds of women; the wise and the foolish ones. The wise is the one that wins souls, walks by faith, knows the power of her tongue and her identity in Christ. She does excellent things. Her husband's prayers are answered by God because through her lifestyle her husband treats her well.

"Likewise, ye husbands dwell with them according

to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered”

(1 Peter 3:7).

A wise woman uses her discretion and is worthy of emulation. She is a victor in all circumstances, a bundle of power and an authority in the Word. She wins souls, blesses others and influences her world with the truth of God’s Word. She demonstrates the divine nature of God by reflecting Christ from within her.

Every married Christian woman should team up with her husband to do all things in common and spread the good news as Jesus commissioned. Jesus preached the good news not the law, for the law will not justify any man. The law says, ‘Don’t wear watches, earrings, and chains’. This is not the good news. Preach Jesus’ message and nothing else. Spread the message of the Man Who came to save the world. Jesus went about the cities and villages teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every sick and diseased among the people. When He saw the multitude He was moved with compassion for them because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

Oh glory! Jesus' desire is to have people who would be committed to spreading the gospel, whom He can trust to preach and teach the gospel. He knows that it is only the gospel that can save people. Paul said;

"...I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth;..."

(Romans 1:16).

God wants men and women who would be devoted to Him and set people free with the Word. You are God's desire. Jesus said to his disciples in **Matthew 9:37,38**,

"...The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

You are the answer to this prayer. A labourer for God's harvest must be someone with leadership potentials. One who would demonstrate God's Word, with the lost saved, the sick getting healed, the poor enriched and the frustrated and downtrodden set free. One who is always

ready to give to the ministry, who has a vision and recognises that there is a harvest to reap.

At this point, I would like to pass across to you the following thoughts:

1. **Quench not the Spirit!**

“Quench not the Spirit” (1 Thessalonians 5:19)

Certain things can quench the Spirit. Do not let marriage quench your zeal for the things of God. Let it be an added blessing to you. Let it be an opportunity to reach a new world of couples and an opportunity to bring up children in the fear and admonition of God. Many Christian women get married and afterwards they become entirely occupied with other things until they come crying that they need God’s help again. How sad! Every wise woman will put God first.

God gave you a home to take care of for Him and not for yourself. If you are married, let the gospel make a great impact in your home and if you are planning to get married, decide that the gospel will have priority in your home. Ensure that your husband and yourself as well as

your children are living by the Word and propagating the gospel. Let your family be identified with Christ. Influence your world with the Word.

Any woman who has God dwelling in her is alive in Christ. He does not live in dead bodies and that is why His life is made manifest in you. Let your dignity convey Jesus, let your communication reveal Jesus and let your lips confess Jesus. The Bible says, “...*the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel.*” (Proverbs 20:15).

You do not need to ask for wisdom anymore because, as many as are born again have wisdom indwelling them.

“But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.”

(1 Corinthians 1:30).

A wife can counsel her husband based on the Word of God and not on her human knowledge, and he will perceive the Presence and Voice of God in her counsel. If your husband, father, mother or any member of your family is making a decision, do not support them when you know that it is wrong. You may be the only one that can help

them. It may be tough, but stand at all times for what is right and that which is in line with the Word of God. You would certainly be valued and respected eventually. Whether you are married or unmarried, you are in charge of yourself and you will give account of yourself to God.

2. Permit no limits!

Marriage is not a bondage and you should not have such a picture. Stop accusing your husband falsely, saying, 'My husband does not want me to come to Church. He does not want me to go on visitations, for fellowship meetings or to pray at home.' Do not forsake the gathering of believers. Pray ceaselessly about it. Make up your mind to do the Word of God. As you prayerfully, respectfully and lovingly try to help your husband discover the truth, soon enough he will join you in serving the Lord. In the same vein, if you are preparing to get married, be sure your fiancé is a believer.

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?"

(2 Corinthians 6:14)

Do not make the grave mistake of marrying an unbeliever. You can only operate in a glorious realm, if you marry a Christian who is committed to the things of God.



*"Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain
thine integrity? curse God, and die.*

*But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the
foolish women speaketh ..."*

(Job 2:9,10).

How do you know a foolish woman? You start first by hearing her speak, because the words of a man reveal his person.

The Bible says, "A foolish woman is clamorous. She is simple and knoweth nothing" (Proverbs 9:13). Job's wife could not be described as anything other than 'foolish'. Anyone who does not have the wisdom of God's Word is not worth listening to. Every Sunday, people crowd various Churches seeking to hear God speak through someone. How

great it is to know that the Word of God is a living reality designed to dwell in everyone. You have the Word, speak it and live it. God and His Word are one. For as long as you have the Word in you, God's ability is at work in you and in whatever circumstance that you find yourself.

The Bible says in John 1:1,14,

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

Everyone that has the Word of God dwelling in him, obviously beholds His glory.

1. Wisdom is the Principal thing

"Wisdom is the principal thing:..." (Proverbs 4:7).

It was all that King Solomon asked God for. And through his request he received a fortune. He was noted as one of the wealthiest kings that ever lived. Anyone who does not recognise the importance of wisdom will walk in

foolishness and live a life of mistakes. You received the spirit of wisdom when you received Christ into your heart.

“But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption”

(1 Corinthians 1:30).

The book of Proverbs is filled with words of wisdom, telling us how vital wisdom is to man.

“Happy is the man that findeth wisdom and the man that getteth understanding.

For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

Lenth of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour. Her ways are ways of pleasantness and all her paths are peace.

She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is everyone that retaineth her.”

(Proverbs 3:13-18)

When people hear you, are they inspired by the words that come out of your mouth? The Bible says that it is not what a man takes in that defiles him, rather what comes out of his heart. It is amazing to know that it is the good treasure that you place in your heart that brings forth good seeds and these are manifested in your words. The Bible says that you should keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life (Proverbs 4:23).

When you speak to people. How many do you inspire? Do people long to hear from you? When friends come to visit you, how much of God's word do you speak? Do you just tell them, 'There is no hope, sorry you just have to bear your cross'? Do you say, 'That is your luck', Or do you tell them what the Word says? When you observe that you are comfortable hearing the wrong things, you need to pray and instantly change. Decide that your tongue will speak blessings and encourage people to pray, preach and teach the Word of God.

I know an old lady who has many grand and great grand children. She usually cursed them and accused them of taking her things. She was always irritated at having these children around her. One day, her son asked me why she acted in that manner. He said that he had always thought the elderly ones represented wisdom and being around them

was like having a repository of wisdom to go home to. He expected her to love her grand children and treat them with wisdom.

One major mistake people make is to attribute wisdom to grey hair or old age. But God's wisdom is not like the wisdom of this world that is a counterfeit.

2. Wisdom is the Nature of God

“But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy”

(James 3:17)

“He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly”

(Proverbs 2:7)

No child of God lacks wisdom. The character of wisdom is seen in God's nature. It is pure, peaceable, gentle, easy to entreat and full of good fruits. This nature can never be carnal. It is only laid up for the righteous. Only the righteous can walk in wisdom. Paul said that he did not come with the enticing words of man's wisdom, but in the

demonstration of the Spirit and of power. The wisdom of God's Word is Spirit and power. It transforms; it changes you forever!

The Bible gives an explicit understanding of God's Word in our lips.

"For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow, exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart"

(Hebrews 4:12 -TAT)

3. **Wisdom is Spiritual**

The Bible says in Ephesians 1:17,

"That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:"

Note that in the above stated verse of the scriptures,

wisdom is recognised as a spirit. Paul's prayer for the Ephesians is that our heavenly Father should give to them the spirit of wisdom and revelation. God is a Spirit and wisdom is His nature. Every born-again Christian already has wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption through Christ. However, a Christian can manifest wisdom perpetually when he allows it to become operative in his life.

Wisdom becomes evident in a Christian woman's life when she spends quality time in God's Presence, praying and studying His word. It is only then that wisdom becomes manifested in her life.

As you get acquainted with the knowledge of Christ, *the eyes of your understanding will be so much enlightened that you will know the hope of his calling, and the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, and the exceeding greatness of his power...* (Ephesians 1:18,19 — paraphrased).

This way you will be able to apply God's Word to all circumstances.

4. Wisdom is Demonstrative

Wisdom is reflected in our words or way of life. Definitely anyone that has wisdom acts wisely. She handles

successfully whatever situation she finds herself. Daniel was a man full of the spirit of wisdom. The Bible describes him as a man with an excellent spirit.

“Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom”

(James 3:13).

Speak and people will admire you, they would want to have you around all the time. Let there be wisdom in your speech and not cursing. Do not use foul language. Remember that your words represent you, so speak with discretion. This lifestyle cannot work by pretence because the words that you speak are spirit and life.

Let people trust your word. Only make promises that you can fulfil. Let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes’ and your ‘No’ be ‘No’. Let your words be honest. Careless talk is expensive, destructive and unproductive. It puts both the hearer and the speaker under.

It is one thing to have knowledge, it is another thing to apply it. Wisdom is the application of knowledge. If you have a tank full of knowledge and you do not use it, it is like having a furnished house that is unoccupied and has never

even been used. What you do with the knowledge of God's Word is what counts and makes you successful.

You can only be successful when you have a purpose, a vision or a goal and you are walking in it. So many people have goals that die daily. When you have a purpose for living, you will not only be successful, you will also attract others who will desire to become like you.

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“There is gold, and a multitude of rubies: but the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel”

(Proverbs 20:15).

Beauty has been mistaken for outward appearance and this is highly deceptive. Some ladies have all the features of a model yet their hearts are extremely darkened with evil. By virtue of this, their beauty becomes irritating. Instead of creating a sense of admiration, people are nauseated by their appearance. People avoid them instead of longing to get to know them. It is better to stay away than to be in the presence of a beautiful woman with a darkened heart dominated by evil thoughts and designs.

The Bible says, *“Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised”*

(Proverbs 31:30)

The beauty of the heart is seen in the recreated human spirit of a born-again Christian, one who is alive to God and dead to sin. Sin dominates anyone who is not born-again. It is horrible to see women who hate. No lady is ugly. Every woman is beautiful. However, the beauty is reflected from the heart. 'As a man's face is reflected in water, so a man's heart reveals him.' Jesus also said, that *"A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure, bringeth forth evil things"* (**Matthew 12:35**). It is what you have in your heart that will reflect and reveal you.

God gave us a new heart and took away the stony heart when we believed in our hearts on the Lord Jesus and confessed Him as our Saviour. We now have His nature in our hearts (human spirit). We are born of water and of the Spirit (John 3:5), the water is the Word of God (**Ephesians 5:26**).

There is no beauty that can overshadow that of a righteous heart. It is only in such hearts that God can dwell. Women with recreated human spirits can be mightily used of God. Therefore get yourself occupied with spiritual things that will edify and build you up.

Thank God, the battle is over! You do not need to struggle or fight to be recognised or valued. You do not have to declare war on anyone who tries to relegate you to the background. You do not need to feel frustrated about yourself. The battle is over! Jesus has given you the victory over limitations brought about by internal or external influences. He has broken down the middle wall of partition. All you need to do is start living, free from struggles.

Start by taking your place of victory today. Refuse to see the odds, hindrances, stumbling traditions or accusations. Always remember that it is wise to start the right way. Learn to do things right the first time. If you want to be successful in your business, marriage and in your entire life, the way you start goes a long way in determining the outcome. When you are completely dominated by the Word and the life of God, circumstances will bow to your dictates. The life of God must be revealed through you. Reveal Him and be determined to live worthy of the Word.

The Bible says, *“Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ...”* (Philippians 1:27). In other words, your way of life should be worthy of the gospel. 2 Timothy 3:6-7 tells us what can creep into the Church and our homes when silly women are taken captives by lust. The Bible says, *For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly*

women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth” (2 Timothy 3:6,7).

Turn away from people who would prefer to watch Television than go to Church. Stay away from high-minded people who always find fault with everyone and in everything. Stay away from those that have a form of godliness, who love religion and things that look like the Word of God but are not. They look at the outward appearance; at things that have no

What you need to keep you and make you victorious in this life is the knowledge of the truth. When you have it, you will offer that knowledge of truth to your family, colleagues and friends. It will change you and your world.

Some people would rather stay cold because they are afraid of what people would say if they changed and started living right. Take a bold step! Decide to demonstrate what the Word of God says.

You Have a Choice!



You might have run through the pages of this book and realised that you do not even have the pre-requisite wisdom for living the godly life because you are not born-again. Here is a chance for you to make the greatest choice in your life.

You can start by saying:

Heavenly Father, I come to you in the Name of Jesus. Your Word says, “*Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved*” (Acts 2:21).

I am calling on you. I pray and ask Jesus to come into my heart and be Lord over my life according to **Romans 10:9,10**, “*That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*”

I am now born-again! I am a child of God; I now

have Christ dwelling in me! Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world. Hallelujah!

You also said in Your Word, *“if ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: HOW MUCH MORE shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?”* **(Luke 11:13).**

“I’m also asking You to fill me with the Holy Spirit. I receive the gift of the Holy Spirit which you have offered to me and ask Him to rise up within me as I praise God. I fully expect to speak with other tongues as You give me the utterance” **(Acts 2:4).**

Now begin to praise God for filling you with the Holy Spirit. Speak those words and syllables you received — not in your own language but in the language given to you by the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 14:2) You have to use your own voice. God will not force you to speak. Now you are a Spirit-filled believer. Continue to enjoy the blessing that God has given you and pray in tongues each day. You’ll never be the same again!