

The Introduction

The blessing of ministry has come your way. You can either embrace it or rebel against it. Some ministry wives may see it and promote it as being a burden and not a blessing. Your attitude has much to do with outlook.

My guess is that you love your husband. You may not have known when you stood at an altar and said, "I do," that this would be your "*happily ever after*." But, it is. Now, whether it is happily ever after or not is your choice.

If your heart is not called to your husband's heart, then:

- no wife's to do list,
 - orders from headquarters,
 - edict from your pastor, or
 - guilt trip from your husband will fix this matter.
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- ◆ You're modeling before your daughters an example of how to be a mother and wife.
 - ◆ You're modeling before your sons what kind of wife they should choose.
 - ◆ You're modeling to other young ladies of how to be a ministry wife.

The Bible is not silent about the role of women. You're mentioned in over 480 verses. That averages out to be once every 64. However, what does the Bible say about your role as

ministry wives? (*Husbands are only mentioned once every 204 verses*)

The answer to this question isn't limited to the realm of a ministry wife. The essence of this is found in the Word of God. Because, we could easily say, "What should God find in every female?"

Once we identify God's expectation of you, then, we can speak of what a pastor should find in a ministry wife.

Main Thoughts: What should God find in every lady?

1. He should find a woman that loves who He made her to be.
2. He should find a woman that is close (cleaves) to her husband.
3. He should find a woman that is called to her husband.
4. He should find a woman that comforts her husband.
5. He should find a woman that doesn't criticize.
6. He should find a woman that isn't carnal.
7. He should find a woman that is in control.
8. He should find a woman that is composed.
9. He should find a woman that loves.
10. He should find a woman that listens.
11. He should find a woman that looks to Him.
12. He should find a woman that leads her children.
13. He should find a woman that lifts up others.
14. He should find a woman that labors and isn't lazy.
15. He should find a woman that lives modestly.
16. He should find a woman that looks godly.

Answer Sheet

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1. She should be a lady who loves how He made her.

I. A Lady that loves Who and how He made her.

- A. God made you exactly as you are.
 - 1. You can be content with yourself.
 - 2. You can compare yourself.
 - 3. You can criticize others to make yourself better.
- B. God made you who you are.
 - 1. You're a wife.
 - 2. You're a mother.
 - 3. You're a sister.
 - 4. You're a friend.
- C. God made you how you are; you are the way you are.
 - 1. You can blame genetics.
 - 2. You can blame heritage.
 - 3. You can blame childhood.
 - 4. You can blame every commercial advertising food.
 - 5. You can blame every crinkled candy wrapper in your purse.
- D. However, God formed Eve perfectly for Adam.
 - 1. God made woman.
 - a) I wanted to be a different size.
 - b) I wanted a different hair color.
 - c) I wanted eyes that were a different color.
 - 2. God took her from Adam.
 - 3. God formed her from Adam.
 - 4. God brought her to Adam.
- E. God formed you perfectly for your Adam.
 - 1. God took you.
 - 2. God made you.
 - 3. God brought you.
- F. A pastor and church should find in you a woman who is confident in God's love for her.
 - 1. You will not live up to everyone's expectations.
 - 2. You will not please everyone.
 - 3. You will not make everyone happy.

4. There will be churches that may not care for you, your husband, and children.
5. Make your chief aim:
 - a) I will please the Lord.
 - b) I will please my husband.
 - c) I will please others as I please the Lord and my husband.
 - d) "When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him." Proverbs 16:7

Genesis 2:22-25 "And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made He a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This *is* now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed."

I Timothy 6:6 "But godliness with contentment is great gain."

Hebrews 13:5 "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

2. She should be a lady who is close to her husband. (Cleaves)

II. A Lady that is close to her husband. Genesis 2:22-25

- A. God set the principle that a man should cleave to his wife.
 - B. Are you cleavable?
 1. 1692. *dabaq, daw-bak'*; a primitive root; properly, to impinge, i.e. cling or adhere; figuratively, to catch by pursuit:—abide fast, cleave (fast together), follow close (hard after), be joined (together), keep (fast), overtake, pursue hard, stick, take.
 2. Are you available for him to cling to you?
 - a) Are you catchable? (by pursuit)
 - b) Are you joined to him?
 - c) Stuck like the tongue to roof of mouth.
 - d) Stuck like a leprosy.
 - e) A closeness:
 - i. A closeness that's real at the house.
 - ii. A closeness that's real in the car.
 - iii. A closeness that's real in front of the kids.
 - iv. A closeness that's real in shopping mall.
 - v. A closeness that's real in the Sunday School Class.
 - vi. A closeness that's real in the auditorium.
 - vii. A closeness that's real when no one is looking.
- C. Distractions from Cleaving:
 1. A heart that is pining for another life.
 2. A heart that is comparing herself to others.
 - a) Other women.
 - b) Other mothers.
 - c) Younger women.
 - d) Older women.
 3. A mind that is cluttered with life's disappointment and disagreements.
 4. Trying to impress people with your:
 - a) Fashion.
 - b) Discipline of your children.

- c) Dedication to the Lord.
 - d) Pleasing a pastor.
5. "When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him." Proverbs 16:7
- D. Duty of Cleaving:
1. Ma'am if you won't cleave to him, someone else will.
 2. Cleave to his hand; he needs your assurance.
 3. Cleave to his heart; he needs your affection.
 4. Cleave to his hope; he needs your affirmation.
 5. Cleave to his head; he needs your advice.
 6. Cleave to his headship; he needs your admiration.
 7. Cleave to him; he needs your association.
- E. The pastor and the church members should see a spouse who has cleaved to her husband.
1. She is not flirtatious with the younger men of the church.
 2. She is not affectionate with anyone but her husband and children.
 3. She is circumspect in her words, actions, and reactions.

3. She should be a lady who is called to her husband.

III. A Lady that is called to her husband.

- A. There is the view that a woman must have the same call to the field her husband does.
- B. There is the view the woman can not ever be called to do anything by God. She can serve, but she doesn't get called.
- C. There is the view that a woman is called to her husband. Where he is called, she follows.
- D. Scripture indicates:
 - 1. Sarah was called to her husband when he left for the Promised Land. God did not come to her for a subsequent call.
 - 2. When Naomi's husband went to Moab, she did not get a call. Yet, she knew when he died she was to go back.
 - 3. There were women who were used by God in the Old Testament.
 - a. Miriam:
 - 1) older sister of Moses.
 - 2) "...and I sent before thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam." Micah 6:4
 - b. Deborah:
 - 1) Prophetess
 - 2) Judge
 - 3) "And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time." Judges 4:4
 - c. Huldah: "So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, went unto Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college;) and they communed with her." 2 Kings 22:14
 - d. Noadiah: "My God, think thou upon Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and on the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear." Nehemiah 6:14
 - e. Isaiah's wife: Unnamed,

"And I went unto the prophetess; and she conceived, and bare a son. Then said the LORD to me, Call his name Mahershalahashbaz." Isaiah 8:2-3

f. Anna: Waited for the birth of Christ.

"And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity;" Luke 2:36

g. Daughters of Phillip: "And the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was one of the seven; and abode with him. And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy." Acts 21:8-9

4. Each of these had a role to play for God.

E. There are many women in the New Testament churches who served missionaries, servants of the Lord, and fellow members.

F. Your call to your husband may be best expressed by Ruth to Naomi:

1. "And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me. When she saw that she was steadfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her." Ruth 1:15-18

2. Where he goes, I go.

3. Where he dwells, I dwell.

4. His people are my people.

5. His calling is my calling.

G. The pastor and church should see and hear from you that your calling is to your husband.

1. You should not equivocate or vacillate.

2. Your words should convey the positives about the place where your husband is called.

3. Your attitudes should convey the potential about the people to whom your husband is called.
4. Your children should be taught how to positively speak of the place and people to whom their father has been called.
5. Training is vital for you.
6. Training is vital for your children.
7. Ministry wives may make or break their husband's ministry with what is said.

4. She should be a lady who comforts her husband

IV. A Lady that comforts her husband.

- A. Your husband should find no greater comfort on this planet than:
 - 1. In your arms.
 - 2. In your lap.
 - 3. In your presence.
 - 4. In your words - They should comfort his lows and highs.
 - 5. With your touch - It should comfort his spirit.
 - 6. With your tone- It should comfort his soul.
- B. You are to be an all-time comforter.
 - 1. When his spirit is low; comfort him.
 - 2. When his spirit is critical; comfort him.
 - 3. When rejection overwhelms; comfort him.
 - 4. When criticisms come; comfort him.
 - 5. When at home, let him discover your comforts.
 - 6. When at a church, let him discover your comforts.
 - 7. When on the road, let him discover your comforts.
 - 8. When facing a trial, let him discover your comforts.
 - 9. When facing defeat, let him discover your comforts.
- C. The Bible words for comfort:
 - 1. In the Old Testament, it means to make a bed.
 - 2. In the New Testament, it means to call near and console.
- D. Biblical Mandate for Comfort:
 - 1. The Holy Spirit is our Comforter.
 - 2. At times, He teaches.
 - 3. At times, He exhorts.
 - 4. At times, He embraces.
 - 5. He always comforts.
 - 6. Wife, that is your role. Be a comforter.
- E. There should be an evidence in you that you are a comforter.
- F. Every pastor and church you visit should be able to see genuine comfort:
 - 1. There should be comfort for those who are hurt.
 - 2. There should be comfort for those in your family.

3. There should be comfort for strangers.
4. There should be comfort for all.
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5. She should be a lady who doesn't criticize.

V. A Lady that doesn't criticize.

A. The Word of God is not silent about critical women.

1. "*A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.*" Proverbs 27:15

2. "*It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.*" Proverbs 21:19

3. "*It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman and in a wide house.*" Proverbs 23:33; 25:24

B. Consider these Bible women noted for being critical:

1. Job's wife criticized his walk.

"Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die." Job 2:9

2. Abraham's wife criticized his waiting.

"Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also? And the LORD said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old? Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he said, Nay; but thou didst laugh." Genesis 18:12-13,15

3. David's wife criticized his worship. "And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart." 2 Samuel 6:16

4. Martha criticized Mary's wish.

"But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things:" Luke 10:40-41

C. There is a danger:

1. When a woman is critical of her husband.

2. When a woman is critical of her children.

3. When a woman is critical of other missionaries.

4. When a woman is critical of churches.

5. When a woman is critical of the people to whom her husband is called.

D. Scripture admonishes all:

1. "Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."

Colossians 4:6

2. "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Ephesians 4:28-32

E. Every pastor and church you visit should be able to detect no critical spirit:

1. Your husband should be praised not criticized.
 - a) you should be his number one cheerleader
 - b) you should be his biggest fan
 - c) you should be his number one helper.
2. Your children should be praised.
3. People will remember your critical spirit.
4. Never criticize the pastor.
5. Never criticize the pastor's wife.
6. Never criticize the pastor's children.
7. Never criticize the music, standards, or church members.
8. Never criticize your husband's message.
9. Never criticize the schedule.
10. Never criticize.

6. She should be a lady who isn't carnal.

VI. A Lady that isn't carnal.

- A. The challenge in this world for all believers is that it is easier to be carnal than spiritual.
- B. The women in the early New Testament churches had questions and struggles with the appearance of carnality.
 - 1. *"In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works."* 1 Timothy 2:9-10
 - a) The verse teaches there is a standard of godliness.
 - b) This means there is a standard of carnality.
 - 2. The adornment: to decorate or trim
- C. She is not carnal in her words.
 - 1. Her words are adorned with grace.
 - 2. Her tone is adorned with grace.
- D. She is not carnal in her ways.
 - 1. The way she is entertained.
 - 2. The way she engages others.
 - 3. The way she lives before others.
- E. She is not carnal in her wardrobe. *Below is from Mrs. Rosann Surrett. It is called "God 's Designer Fashions." 100% wholesome! Fit for everyday wear! Fit for the Daughter of the King, to whom I must give my body each day! (Romans 12:1-2)*
 - 1. It displays the honor of virtue (Proverbs 31:25)
 - 2. Modest, the idea of orderliness (I Timothy 2:9)
 - 3. Respectful of God and others (I Timothy 2:9)-the character quality that restrains me from dressing sensually, regardless of my location
 - 4. Self-control (I Timothy 2:9)
 - 5. Not unnecessarily expensive (I Timothy 2:9)
 - 6. Feminine, demonstrating the softness of a woman (Deuteronomy 22:5; 1 Timothy 2:10)
 - 7. Appropriate for my relationship with my Lord and for the occasion (I Timothy 2:10)

8. Displays the beauty of the LORD, not the lewdness of the world (Ezekiel 16:1-17)
9. Self-denial and edification of others, not my gratification at the expense of weakening others (Matthew 5:28; Romans 14:2,15:1-5a)
10. It is high enough so my private area is not exposed at any time (Genesis 5:21). If I have the top of my garment no lower than the width of two or three fingers below my collarbone, it will help protect my privacy and purity.
11. It is long enough to cover my thighs at all times (Genesis 3:21; Exodus 28:42; Isaiah 47:1-5). Keeping my knees covered will insure covering my thighs.
12. It is loose enough that my private areas are not emphasized (Genesis 5:21). Lift up my tops, skirts, etc. Do they easily fall back into place?
13. My Example: My Lord pleased not himself, (Romans 15:3a) but glorified God (John 17:1; 1 Corinthians 6:20).
14. My most priceless "adornment" is a meek and quiet spirit, which adequately compliments all my attire as a godly woman (I Peter 3:4-5).

F. Every pastor and church you visit should be able to detect no carnality:

1. Modestly dressed
2. Proper Spirit
3. Proper Appearance
 - a) Gold
 - b) Braided Hair
 - c) Pearls
 - d) Costly Array
4. The image she portrays is that which becomes a godly woman.
 - a) Modest
 - i. Orderly
 - ii. Good behavior
 - iii. Moderate, not excessive

- b) Shamefaced (*translated as "reverence" in Hebrews 12:28*)
 - i. Downward eyes
 - ii. Bashful toward men
 - iii. Modest toward God
 - c) Sobriety
 - i. Soundness of mind
 - ii. Self control
 - iii. Literal - sanity
5. There is an appearance of the carnal woman.
- a) All show on the outside and no show on the inside.
 - b) She wants to catch the eye of others.
 - c) She wants to create envy.
 - d) She wants to flaunt what belongs to her husband.
6. Make sure the carnal woman is disciplined.
- a) The carnal woman is at war with God.

"Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." Romans 8:7
 - b) The carnal woman is identified by:
 - i. Envy
 - ii. Strife
 - iii. Divisions
 - iv. Walk
 - v. "For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?" 1 Corinthians 3:3

7. She should be a lady who is in control.

VII. A Lady that is in control.

- A. The attitude she displays:
 - 1. Before her husband.
 - 2. Before her children.
 - 3. Before other leaders.
 - 4. Before the lost.
- B. God's Guidelines for the believer :
 - 1. Grace is the punctuation mark of every sentence.
 - 2. Every sentence is seasoned appropriately with Spiritual Salt.
 - 3. Every sentence is a reflection of the Word of Christ that dwells in you.
 - a) She teaches and admonishes with the Word of God (*psalms and hymns and spiritual songs*).
 - b) She sings with grace in her heart.
 - 4. She doesn't permit corrupt words to come from her mouth.
 - 5. She only speaks words that edify others.
 - 6. She only speaks words that minister grace.
- C. "*Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.*" (Colossians 4:6)
- D. "*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*" (Colossians 3:16)
- E. "*Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.*" (Ephesians 4:29)
- F. The application of the gracious believer:
 - 1. When she posts on Facebook.
 - 2. When she posts on her blog.
 - 3. When she is in the ladies' room.
 - 4. When she is "alone" with her best friends.
 - 5. When she meets a stranger.
 - 6. When she meets the pastor.

7. Your softest, most gracious words should be reserved for your family and husband.
8. She is not a screamer.

G. The Controlled Christian Wife is:

1. Discreet.
2. Chaste.
3. Keepers at home.
4. Good.
5. Obedient to husband.

6. "To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed." (Titus 2:5)

H. Every church and pastor should find you with:

1. Words that become godliness.
2. Attitudes that become a godly lady.
3. Reactions that become a godly lady.

8. She should be a lady who is composed.

VIII.A Lady that is composed.

- A. The wife of a minister must be grave.
 - 1. Venerable
 - 2. Honorable
- B. The wife of a minister must not a slanderer.
 - 1. Satan
 - 2. False Accuser
 - 3. Traducer: Speaker of Lies
 - 4. Diablos
- C. The wife of a minister must be sober.
 - 1. Sober
 - 2. Circumspect
 - 3. Conservative
- D. The wife of a minister must be faithful.
 - 1. Trustworthy
 - 2. Loyal
 - 3. Constant
 - 4. Steadfast
- E. The composed wife has a testimony of honor.
- F. The composed wife has a testimony of honesty.
- G. The composed wife has a testimony of humility.
- H. The composed wife has a testimony of helpfulness.

9. She should be a lady who loves.

IX. A Lady that loves.

- A. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." (John 13:35)
 - 1. She loves this way publicly.
 - 2. She loves this way privately.
 - 3. She loves this way consistently.
 - 4. She loves this way compassionately
- B. "... teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children. (Titus 2:3-5)
 - 1. She loves her Lord.
 - 2. She loves the Lost.
 - 3. She loves her Little Ones.
 - 4. She loves her Lover.
 - 5. She loves the Lord's people.
 - 6. She loves the Laborers of the Lord.
 - 7. She loves the Leaders of the Lord.
- C. Pastors should see your love for the Saints, Sinners, and Servants.
 - 1. You should not just love to gain support.
 - 2. You should not just love those who can do for you.

10. She should be a lady who listens.

X. A Lady that is listens.

- A. She listens to the Lord in His Word.
 - 1. Mary listened to Jesus unlike Martha.
 - 2. Jesus said Mary chose the good part.
- B. She chooses the source to whom she listens.
 - 1. A mom too busy to hear her little ones is listening to the wrong source.
 - 2. A mom too busy to hear a soul's cry is listening to the wrong source.
 - 3. A mom too busy to hear the Spirit's beckoning is listening to the wrong source.
 - 4. A mom too busy to hear the spiritual instead of the carnal is listening to the wrong source.
 - 5. A mom too busy to hear truth is listening to the wrong source.
 - 6. She listens to her loved ones.
 - a. Husband
 - b. Children
 - c. Learners
- C. She listens as instructed by the Bible.
 - 1. "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:" (James 1:19)
 - 2. She listens readily.
 - 3. She speaks after thinking.
 - 4. She reacts slowly.
- D.

11. She should be a lady who looks to Him.

XI. A Lady that looks to Him.

- A. She looks up to the Father in Prayer.
 - 1. She looks to Him for supply.
 - 2. She looks to Him for sustaining power.
 - 3. She looks to Him for safety.
 - 4. She looks to Him in prayer.
- B. "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." (1 Peter 5:7)
 - 1. She knows He cares.
 - 2. She knows He can carry her.
 - 3. She knows He can handle it.
 - 4. She knows He never wearies hearing her.
- C. Every pastor and church member should see a lady:
 - 1. Whose prayer life isn't an add on.
 - 2. Whose prayer life is known.
 - 3. Whose power with God is evident.
 - 4. Who looks to God when finances are low.
 - 5. Who looks to God when fiery trials come.
 - 6. Who looks to God when faith grows weak.
 - 7. Who looks to God when children are sick.
 - 8. Who looks to God when strength is small.

12. She should be a lady who leads her children

XII. A Lady that leads her children.

A. She leads by loving.

1. "That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children," (Titus 2:4)

2. A maternal love

3. "I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, **guide the house**, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully." (1 Timothy 5:14)

a. Guide the house

b. Guides the hearts in the house.

B. She leads by leading.

1. "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him." (Proverbs 22:15)

2. "Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die." (Proverbs 23:13)

C. She leads by lessons.

1. "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also." (2 Timothy 1:5)

2. "My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:" (Psalms 109:14; Proverbs 1:8)

3. "She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her." (Proverbs 31:26-28)

D. "She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her." (Proverbs 31:26-28)

13. She should be a lady who lifts up others.

XIII. A Lady that lifts up others.

- A. She is an encourager of her children.
- B. She is an encourager of her husband.
- C. She is an encourager of her friends.
- D. She is an encourager.

1. "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." (Proverbs 25:11)

2. "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers." (Ephesians 4:28-29)

E. Every pastor and church member should see a wife who comforts, supports, and is patient.

1. "... comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men." (1 Thessalonians 5:14)

14. She should be a lady who labors and is not lazy

XIV. A Lady that labors and is not lazy.

- A. Notice the things Paul instructed Timothy about women
 1. "But the younger widows refuse: for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they will marry; Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith. And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not. I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully. For some are already turned aside after Satan. If any man or woman that believeth have widows, let them relieve them, and let not the church be charged; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed." (1 Timothy 5:11-16)
- B. He warned about:
 1. Idleness.
 2. Wandering.
 3. Tattlers.
 4. Busybodies.
 5. Speaking beyond their realm.
- C. He wanted the women
 1. Young women should marry.
 2. Young women should bear children.
 3. Guide the house.
- D. He instructed them to no let Satan to have accusation against their home.
- E. Every pastor and church member should see you:
 1. Serving, not looking to be served.
 2. Helping, not looking to be helped.
 3. Diligent, not a disappointment.
 4. It's your turn in the nursery.

XV.

15. She should be a lady who lives modestly.

A Lady that lives modestly.

A. Passages:

1. "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works. Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety." (1 Timothy 2:9-15)

2. "Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." (1 Peter 2:25-3:4)

B. The Modest Wife on the outside

1. Her adorning is modest in her fashion.
2. Her adorning is moderate in her fashion.
3. Her adorning is motivated by faith not fashion.
4. Her adorning is managed by the Word and not the World.
5. It's not how good her hair looks, but it's how good her heart looks.
6. It's not her jewels on her neck and hands, but it's the jewels of her heart.
7. It's not about the perfect outfit, but it's about the perfect outlook.

C. The Modest Wife on the inside.

1. Her heart is adorned with faith.
2. Her heart is adorned with charity

3. Her heart is adorned with holiness.
 4. She wears that which is incorruptible.
 - a. She addresses the inside before the outside.
 - b. She spends as much time on the inside as the outside.
 5. She wears what is attractive to God.
 - a. A spirit that is meek.
 - b. A spirit that is quiet.
- D. The modest Wife in her relationships
1. She is in subjection to her husband.
 2. Her conversation in the home is a witness.
- E. Every pastor and church member should see:
1. Modesty in your fashion.
 2. Modesty in your faith.
 3. Modesty in your family.
 4. Modesty in your marriage.