

The Ideal Christian Woman

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Selected Scriptures

WHO is the IDEAL for BIBLICAL WOMAN?

- We think of SARAH; We think of Mary the Mother of Jesus; We think of the Proverbs 31 Woman.
- Really the IDEAL Biblical WOMAN is a compilation of all of those figures.
- SCRIPTURE lays out the qualities of the IDEAL CHRISTIAN WOMAN

1) Woman of Faith

The IDEAL Christian Woman is a Woman of GREAT FAITH.

Hebrews 11:1, 2 – [1] *Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.*

- FAITH is BELIEVING in what is NOT SEEN.
- The PATH to being the IDEAL CHRISTIAN WOMAN must begin with FAITH in the LORD JESUS CHRIST.
 - Acts 16:31 – [31] *Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and your will be saved.*

The Christian life is not only entered by FAITH. The entirety of the CHRISTIAN life is lived by faith.

- Hebrews 11:11 – [11] *By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised.*

God WAITED to INTERVENE until it became an IMPOSSIBILITY.

- He does this often for two reasons: The first – so he can get the GLORY.
- The Second – So that our faith will be STRENGTHENED.

2) Woman of the Word

Psalms 1 is true of Womanhood just as it is true of Manhood.

- Psalm 1 – [1] *Blessed is the woman who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; [2] but her delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law she meditates day and night. [3] She is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that she does, she prospers.*

Psalm 12:6 – [6] *And the words of the LORD are flawless, like silver purified in a crucible, like gold refined seven times.*

Proverbs 8:10 – [10] *Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold, [11] for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot*

- LISTEN to the WORD.
- READ the WORD.
- MEMORIZE and MEDITATE on the WORD.
- APPLY the WORD.
 - James 1:22 – [22] *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. [23] For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is*

like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. [24] For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.

3) Woman of Devotion

She loves spending time with JESUS in PRAYER. PRAYER is COMMUNION with GOD.

- The WOMAN of DEVOTION loves to spend time with God in PRAYER. The GREAT ambition of her life is to KNOW GOD.

You remember the story of Mary and Martha Luke 10:38-42.

- Martha – “was distracted.” With “Serving”
- What did Mary do – she sat at Jesus’s feet.
- *Jesus said, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, [42] but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken from her.*

4) Woman of Femininity

1 Corinthians 11:14 – [14] *Does not nature itself teach you that if a man wears long hair it is a disgrace for him, [15] but if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For her hair is given to her for a covering.*

Regardless of what you believe about head coverings, it’s clear in Paul’s argument in 1 Corinthians 11 that there should be a distinction between the appearance of men and women.

- The distinction is in regards to BEAUTY.
- Paul even says in 1 Corinthians 11:7. The woman is the GLORY of the MAN.

Women are not the STRONGER sex. They are the more BEAUTIFUL sex.

- Their BEAUTY also communicates something about God... He loves BEAUTY. And He made women to exude BEAUTY.

5) Woman of Modesty

The WOMAN of FEMINITY must also express her BEAUTY with MODESTY.

1 Timothy 2:9 – [9] *likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, [10] but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works.*

- Your clothes, do represent something about you.
- Paul expects WOMEN to adorn themselves... there is the femininity factor.
- He is CONCERNED about WOMEN adorning themselves SEDUCTIVELY or OSTENTATIOUSLY.
 - MODESTY – aidos – MEANS RESPECT.

1 Peter 3:3 – [3] *Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear—[4] but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God’s sight is very precious.*

- Paul clearly expects women to adorn themselves.
- But the focus of their adornment should be their character.
- Their GODLINESS. A woman who is godly EXUDES godly virtue is BEAUTIFUL.

6) Woman of Submission

This is really, really important. The Bible implores women NOT to submit to ALL MEN. But to submit to their own husbands as much as they can in the Lord.

Colossians 3:18 – [18] *Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.*

Ephesians 5:22 – [22] *Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.*

Ladies, your husband cannot lead you if you will not follow Him. This is not a doormat role. Nor does this mean that you are INFERIOR. It is a matter of how God designed marriage to point to the greater reality of CHRIST and the CHURCH.

- What if the HUSBAND is an unbeliever? 1 Peter 3:1 – [1] *Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, [2] when they see your respectful and pure conduct.*
- This QUALITY might be the MOST HATED and DISREGARDED of ALL.

The MAN's LEADERSHIP of HIS WIFE is not TYRANNICAL. It is not DOMINEERING. But it is LEADERSHIP nonetheless.

- This is one of the LITMUS TESTS of whether you truly believe and apply God's Word.
- 1 Peter 3:5 – [5] *For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, [6] as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening.*

7) Woman of Discipleship

Godly women always embrace the people of God. They are willing to sacrifice for the people of GOD.

- The Ideal Christian Woman is always there to TRAIN the YOUNGER WOMEN.
- Titus 2:3 – [3] *Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, [4] and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, [5] to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.*

The IDEAL CHRISTIAN WOMAN trains younger women.

- To Love their husbands and children – that can be challenging
- To Be self-controlled
- To be Pure – In terms of
- To be Workers at Home – to teach the younger women to OWN the HOME. To care for their own kids.
- To be kind and submissive to their husbands.