GODLY WOMEN
Lesson 1
The Creation of Woman

God has a purpose and plan for everything He does. Nothing is an afterthought to our God. To fully cooperate with God and please Him, we must understand His plans, purposes, and intentions for our lives. We must understand why God created us and what His intentions were and are for us. To be a godly woman, a woman must first understand why she was made. A woman must find her purpose from the truths of God’s Word, not from the philosophies of the fallen world.

IN THE BEGINNING...

• So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. Genesis 1:27

God created “man” to be both male and female. “Mankind” is both sexes. God put a distinction between the male and the female. If God intended both male and female to be the same, then we should expect there to be no difference in responsibilities, looks, attributes, mannerisms, likes, dislikes, tastes, roles, or even physicality. If male and female are the same, there would be no reason to have a male and a female. He created the two sexes to be different, but each with an equally vital role.

• And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make [fashion] him an help meet for him. Genesis 2:18

Women are the solution God created to solve a problem He observed. God observed His creation and saw that only one thing lacked: a woman. We might say that woman is the crown of God’s creation. The woman was His final brush stroke on the masterpiece of His creation. Woman was the final piece in God’s creation, made specifically to fit what was left undone. She was created to help and provide companionship.

• And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made [builted] he a woman, and brought her unto the man. Genesis 2:21,22

Man was “formed” but woman was “built.” The word “formed” is in reference to clay. Building is harder work than forming. It appears that God put a lot more into creating the woman than He did with the man; therefore, more may be expected of her. The Hebrew word for “built” also means to establish, to build a house, to establish a home. Without a wife, you cannot build or establish a home.

What we can learn from the rib:

1. Ribs provide protection to the vital organs: the woman is built to provide protection to her husband’s heart.
2. Ribs keep the chest from collapsing: the woman is built to be a source of godly pride, strength and encouragement for her husband. She gives him confidence and strength.

3. The rib is not a piece of skull: the woman is not built to rule over her husband.

4. The rib is not a foot bone: the woman was not built to be walked on by the husband.

5. The rib is located in the center mass of man: the woman is built to be beside her husband, under his arm of protection, and at his side, not 5 feet behind him.

- 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.  
  
  Genesis 2:23-25

This passage speaks to us of the unity the husband and wife have on two fronts. One, they are to leave mom and dad to start their own family. This represents the unity of their soul. They are a unified team with their own family's ambitions and goals. Two, they enjoy the benefits of marital sex. This is the union of their bodies. They are naked and not ashamed. Married, naked, together, and not ashamed was God’s idea. This is the coming together of what they were before Adam's rib surgery: one flesh.

**CHAVVAH: THE LIVING**

- And Adam called his wife's name Eve [Chavvah]; because she was the mother of all living.  
  
  Genesis 3:20

Women are life-givers. They produce life. They incubate life. They carry life. God chose woman to be the reproducer of life. What a tremendous honor and responsibility. Men tend to take life. Men hunt, fish, trap, war, fight, burn, destroy, etc. Women prepare the hunted, fished, and trapped meat as a meal to feed life to their families. They bandage the wounded in times of war. They mend the bones from fights. Women minister life by nature. Women have the soft, nurturing, caring, life-breathing quality of God in their nature.

**AUTHORITY IN THE BEGINNING**

- And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it [to keep under]: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.  
  
  Genesis 1:28

In the beginning, the woman was given authority over everything on the earth, except her husband. She was given great power and dominion over every creature but one: her husband. Amazingly some Christian women want to neglect the authority they’ve been given over 99% of creation and focus on bossing only 1% of it around.
• Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. Genesis 3:16

After the fall of man, God establishes the very clear chain of command. Do not allow feminism to poison you: there must always be a chain of command!! Someone must always be the leader. This is godly and proper. God established in the beginning that the man was the leader in the marriage and that the woman's desires “shall be subject to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.”

These are some of the purposes God had in mind for women from the beginning. However, several thousand years of man’s cultural revolution has muddied the subject. Stick with the Word and things will begin to clear right up.
For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement. 1 Peter 3:5,6

The modern Christian woman should desire to be like the holy women of old. This isn’t old-fashioned philosophy, it’s GOD’s philosophy. Born again women are called the daughters of these great women of faith. Let us examine their lifestyle to see how their daughters should act.

EVE- (The Mother of All Living) First to Bring Life
Eve sets the example for us in the Book of Beginnings. She was Adam’s companion and help. She helped Adam labor, tend, and keep the garden of God. She fell prey to the serpent’s devices but God still had a role for her to play. She became the first mother and the first human producer of life. She is called the mother of all living (Genesis 3:20). Her desires would always be subjected to her husband.

SARA- (My Lady, My Princess, Noblewoman) Mother of Faith
Every great man of faith needs a great woman of faith. Sara wobbled a little in her walk with God but she finished strong and is the first woman recorded in the Hall of Faith (Hebrews 11). Sara’s greatest quality: She judged Him faithful who had promised (Hebrews 11:11b). She confidently followed Abram when they started a new life in their 70s. Sarah was a wise counsel to Abraham (Genesis 21:12) yet submitted to him, calling him lord (1 Peter 3:6a). She had a strong walk with God for herself and did not ride her husband’s spiritual coattails. She “herself received strength [dunamis] to conceive seed”(Hebrews 11:11a). She was still being sexually intimate with her husband into her 90s and beyond.

REBEKAH- (A Quarrel Appeased) A Beautiful Servant
Rebekah was a servant. She was a virgin. She was a hard worker. She was kind and a helper to strangers. She was discreet (Genesis 24:65).

And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher. And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hasted, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink. And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw water for thy camels also, until they have done drinking. And she hasted, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels. And the man wondering at her held his peace, Genesis 24:17-21a
This is a real Wonder-Woman. She didn’t mind being told what to do. And not only do what was asked of her, but then do more. She didn’t just give water to a stranger (not much water needed), she then volunteered to water all of his camels (a lot of water needed). She worked to serve a total stranger. It qualified her for a husband.

**ESTHER- (Star) Submitted to Deliver Others**

Esther is the famous Jewess queen who married the Persian King Xerxes (Ahasuerus) while Israel was in exile. It should be noted that the whole reason Esther became queen is because Xerxes put away his first wife, Vashti, for rebellion, disrespect, and refusing to submit to her husband (Esther 1:10-22). He publicly made a law divorcing Vashti so that women all over his kingdom would honor their husbands. He made a public example of her.

- For this deed of the queen shall come abroad unto all women, so that they shall despise their husbands in their eyes, when it shall be reported, The king Ahasuerus commanded Vashti the queen to be brought in before him, but she came not. Likewise shall the ladies of Persia and Media say this day unto all the king’s princes, which have heard of the deed of the queen. Thus shall there arise too much contempt and wrath. 

Esther 1:17,18

Ahasuerus married Esther and she became queen. She was a virgin and of good countenance (attitude). She submitted to all the authority in her life and it afforded her great power and influence. She was even permitted by the King to write letters establishing laws in the king’s name and to even seal them with the king’s ring (Esther 8:8). These commands saved the Jewish people and gave them revenge on their enemies. Her submission delivered a nation from destruction.

**RUTH- (Friendship) Sacrifice unto Promotion**

Ruth was a Moabitess (a non-Israelite). She had married Naomi’s (an Israelite) son while Naomi and her family were living in Moab in a time of famine. Ruth’s husband died and Naomi requested that Ruth return to her family but she would not. “Ruth clave unto her” (Ruth 1:14). Ruth was faithful and submitted.

- 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 stedfastly minded [strengthened herself] to go with her, then she left speaking unto her.

Ruth 1:16-18

Ruth put aside all of her ambitions, goals, plans, etc., to be faithful and serve her mother-in-law. This woman of God’s ambition was to be a servant. The other alternative was to stay in Moab and die a pagan. Ruth gathered barley for her mother-in-law in the field of Boaz. She was a humble, hard worker (Ruth 2:7,17). This earned her great favor. She was a
woman of sacrifice (2:11) and a virtuous woman (3:11). Her submission caused her to gain a husband, a kinsmen redeemer, and secure a place in the lineage of the LORD Jesus Christ.

RAHAB - (Wide, Broad) Receiver of Truth
Though called “Rahab the harlot” in the Bible, Rahab also married into Israel and became the great, great, great-grandmother of Jesus Christ. The greatest characteristic to be learned from Rahab is her willingness to change who she was. Rahab was quick to receive and hide the truth of God’s Word in her heart, life, and home (Joshua 2:4,6; 6:17,25; Hebrews 11:31; James 2:25). We are introduced to her as a harlot but she finishes life as an honest woman of God and is recorded in the Hebrews 11 Hall of Faith. Rahab was kind and given to hospitality (Joshua 2:12). Even though she was a prostitute, she was still concerned for her family’s well being (Verses 12,13). And she could keep a secret. She wasn’t a blabbermouth (Joshua 2:14,20,21). Rahab’s faith and submission saved her entire family and secured a place in the lineage of Jesus Christ.

DEBORAH - (Bee) Israel’s Mother
Deborah was Israel’s only female judge and female leader. Judges 4:4 lets us know she was a prophetess, so she had a ministry call which equipped her for great leadership ability. Verse 5 tells us that she dwelt under the palm tree of Deborah. Palm trees represent wisdom, integrity, uprightness, and eldership. This speaks of Deborah’s character. She would have been wise, righteous, patient, and disciplined. She was capable of judging righteously and not letting her emotions pervert her judgment. She is the leader over Israel but she prophesies that Barak, a man, is to go to war against Sisera, captain of Jabin’s army (Verses 6,7). He agrees to obey God if she will support him. Deborah was a great support and encouragement to the captain of Israel’s armies. She constantly prophesied to him words of encouragement. There is no desire on her part to do a man’s job. Her heart is for the leaders of Israel (Judges 5:5-9), not for her to be the chief of leaders.

• The villages were unoccupied and rulers ceased in Israel until you arose-you, Deborah, arose-a mother in Israel. Judges 5:7 Amp

Without a mother, families will be empty and good leadership will fail. Amazingly, Israel needed a woman’s touch and a godly mother to prosper their villages and raise leadership. She brought rest to Israel for 40 years.

These are some of the key women of old. A virtuous woman will excel them all.
Proverbs 31 may be the most famous of all Bible passages describing the qualities God desires to see in His daughters. Let us analyze this passage verse by verse.

Proverbs 31-

v.10: Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies.
Different translations include: “A capable wife is a rare find,” “A worthy woman,” “A wife of strength,” “A wife of strength and character,” “A vigorous wife,” “A capable, intelligent, and virtuous woman.” This type of woman is rare and hard to come by, and is therefore precious. As a rarity, she is to be valued as a precious gem. A godly woman will work hard to make sure she keeps her value by staying godly in this wicked and selfish day. If a Christian woman acts as the world does, she will become a dime a dozen—common. And she will lose her rarity and value.

v.11: The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.
A godly woman’s lifestyle earns her husband’s heart of trust. Once a woman has earned her husband’s heart, she should value that trust above all things. His trust guarantees that he will not have any need of spoil. The word spoil is representative of adultery. Adultery isn’t just sexual. Adultery is leaving your first love for a cheap replacement. Here, a man’s trust in his wife keeps him from leaving her to chase other things like women, hobbies, material goods, etc. A man who trusts his wife wants to come straight home to her.

v.12: She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.
The Amplified Bible says, “She comforts, encourages, and does him good…” A godly woman does good things and that includes comforting and encouraging. Not nagging, griping, belly-aching, or putting her husband down. A godly woman must be careful of the words of her mouth in all of her relationships, not just her marriage. Western women are overly opinionated. Limit the opinions and focus on comfort and encouragement.

v.13: She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.
Wool is heavy material for cold weather clothing and flax is lightweight material for warm weather clothing. This speaks of a godly woman’s common sense. She has some street smarts about her. She doesn’t have to pray about every little thing. If it’s raining, get an umbrella. She guides her house by simple wisdom and common sense. And she works willingly, not begrudgingly. No matter how boring her daily tasks might be, she performs them willingly because she performs them for those who are counting on her.

v.14: She is like the merchants’ ships; she bringeth her food from afar.
A godly woman goes the distance. She does whatever is necessary to provide for her own. This includes her husband, her children, and even her employees. This shows that one of the strongest attributes of a godly woman is selflessness. She does not work for herself, but
for those in her care. Also, these merchant ships in Solomon’s day were known for bringing in the very best from all over the world. This lets us know that a godly woman wants the absolute very best she can afford for her family.

v.15: She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.
This verse shows us that a godly woman doesn’t make a lifestyle of sleeping late. She rises up so early it is still dark. And why? To begin preparing the meals for the day. She is also the one who dictates the menu. Wives, it is your job to help dictate the family’s diet. Put forth healthy eating habits. If you don’t have any yourself, get some. As it goes with the mother, so it will go with the daughter. Godly women want healthy families. As for her maidens (employees), the virtuous woman will both feed them and ensure that their duties are carried out. Work!

v.16: She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.
The Amplified Bible translates this verse as follows: She considers a [new] field before she buys or accepts it [expanding prudently and not courting neglect of her present duties by assuming other duties]; with her savings [of time and strength] she plants fruitful vines in her vineyard. A godly woman is not hasty or fickle. She is not easily distracted or bored of what she is currently doing to the point that she chases the newest shiny thing she sees. She obtains wise counsel in her decisions and does not take on more than what she can handle with excellence. But her frugality affords her extra time and strength, and with that, she adds a new project.

v.17: She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.
Amplified: She girds herself with strength [spiritual, mental, and physical fitness for her God-given task] and makes her arms strong and firm. Godly women are strong women. Don’t be deceived in to thinking being godly will make you weak. As a woman of God, you will need strength in every arena: spiritual, mental, and physical. Make sure you take care of your body. You only get one body. Also, the original Hebrew uses the word strength in this passage to refer to sex. “She strengtheneth her arms” also means that she encourages her arms to meet her husband.

v.18: She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.
The righteous woman has a humble confidence. She knows from experience and from the Word what is good in her life and what is not good. She knows what she needs to be doing and what she needs to stop. She is not lazy, sleeping her life away. In all of these verses, she has yet to complain about being tired.

What a tremendous honor for the daughters of God that He would so clearly spell out what a godly woman looks like. And if this passage of scripture is God’s expectation, then any woman aspiring to rise to this standard can expect God’s grace and ability to help her get there.
The Proverbs 31 woman excels above all virtuous women. Let us continue our study of this famous passage of scripture.

Proverbs 31-

v.19: She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.
The spindle and distaff are used to make yarn and then clothing. This shows her ability to create things. It shows her ingenuity and work ethic. She is able to take nothing (raw wool) and turn it in to something (clothing). In short, the virtuous woman makes things happen for her and her family.

v.20: She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.
The godly woman is a giver. She has a heart for those in need. This is not just limited to the financially destitute, but also those poor in spirit and those who are spiritually poor. She doesn’t just give money, she also gives the Gospel to those in need, and an encouraging word to those who are cast down.

v.21: She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.
The first four words are powerful: She is not afraid. She is not paranoid or panicky. Some women are seemingly afraid of calamity occurring at any given moment. The godly woman has a heart of faith that produces a cool confidence. The snow can either represent the harshness of life (weather) or sickness (leprous snow) or sin (leprosy as a type of sin). Regardless, she is not afraid because her household is clothed in scarlet (the scarlet blood of Jesus).

v.22: She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.
Pastor Bob Yandian explains this verse as her desire to please her husband in the bedroom. The coverings of tapestry refer to fine bed sheets, and the clothing of silk and purple to delicate bed clothing, what we would understand as lingerie. It would only make sense that the godly woman is also faithful in the matters of the marriage bed.

v.23: Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.
Gates refers to the city gates where they had their city council meetings. Any husband blessed with a household run with the kind of efficiency and wisdom described so far would certainly be famous and envied. No man wants to be tied to a tired, nagging, lazy woman. The elders of the land would certainly be jealous of the man married to the Proverbs 31 woman.
v.24: She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.
The efficiency of the godly woman permits her to start a business on the side. She has more linen than she can use and yet more time with which to do something. So she sells her wares to the Phoenicians (merchants). The Phoenicians were the cream of the crop traders in this time, so the very fact that they were interested in her products reveals she did things with excellence.

v.25: Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.
The godly woman is protected by strength and confidence. She is a strong woman and she is confident; she’s just not arrogant or bossy. This demeanor teaches others as much as her words will. But her strength and confidence have allowed her to build and develop a well-run home, one she can rejoice over. The godly woman has a home that others envy.

v.26: She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.
Though she runs a great home through orders and commands and directions, her voice is not shrill or harsh. Her mouth is filled with wisdom, not insults. Gentle teaching is in her mouth, not hurtful put-downs. “Kindness” is the Hebrew word for mercy. Her mouth is filled with the law of mercy. Although she is demanding, she is not rude or difficult. Also of note, this is the first verse in fifteen verses that mentions her mouth.

v.27: She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.
She has an eye that is always searching for what is lacking in her household. She is diligent over the care and condition of those who live under her roof. And as almost a sarcastic addition, this verse concludes that she is not eating lazy bread.

v.28: Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.
The reward of all this hard work is respect from those who she so dearly labors for: her husband and her children. The virtuous woman has the adoration and affections of her family. What more could be desired? Blessing and praise, these are the things that all women really long for and they are obtained by living as a virtuous woman.

v.29: Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.
The woman who lives by these passages will surpass even the greatest women of the Bible: Sarah, Rachel, Esther, Ruth, etc. May all of God’s daughters desire to be virtuous and not worldly.

v.30: Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.
Why live for favors? You’ll end up stooping to the lowest degree to win someone to your side and dishonoring your God. Beauty is fleeting. Here today and gone tomorrow.
Today’s supermodel is tomorrow’s plastic surgery patient. These things end in a vapor. Serve God. This will bring you praise and promotion all the days of your life.

v.31: Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

Every woman desires to be appreciated and accepted. The virtuous woman will be praised by her own works. This is the key to success and fulfillment as a woman: Your hand working and producing fruit for God as He has laid forth in His Word. Putting your hand to the world’s vineyard will not satisfy. The virtuous woman has both godly fruit and public praise. Her works and accomplishments will be her praise and her remembrance. I am sorry to inform you that America’s culture mocks this very holy and upright passage of scripture. As a woman, if you want the absolute best the LORD Jesus Christ has for you, then you need to transform yourself into the image of the “Proverbs 31 Woman.”
Perhaps no greater insult or condemning name can be applied to a Christian woman than that of Jezebel. Even the world has adopted the name to describe unsavory and wickedly manipulative women; and if the world recognizes it as evil, you know it has to be evil. Let us tactfully dissect the scriptures to uncover the lifestyle of this infamous queen of Israel to find out what made her so wicked.

- And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD above all that were before him. And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him.  
  1 Kings 16:30,31

1. Jezebel was not an Israelite. She was a Phoenician princess and was raised in a household of demon worship. Her infamous behavior was learned from the godless heathens. Modern Jezebels likewise get their behavioral style from the world.

2. Ahab (the anointed king of Israel) sinned against God by even marrying her. Godly men will sin by marrying modern Jezebels.

3. Jezebel’s carnal behavior amplified Ahab’s carnal behavior. She did not provoke him to serve Jehovah. She talked him out of serving the true God and into worshipping devils. Modern Jezebels will try to talk their husbands out of serving God.

- (Now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly: For it was so, when Jezebel cut off [slay] the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.)  
  1 Kings 18:3b,4,13

1. Jezebel could not stand truth. She could not stand to hear the preaching of the holy men of God. They confronted her wicked lifestyle so she had them killed. Modern Jezebels don’t like to be confronted. They don’t like to hear the preaching of the holy men of God. Modern Jezebels slay today’s holy preachers with gossip and slander and cut them off in their heart.

2. Obadiah feared the LORD. By contrast, Jezebel did not. Obadiah took care of the prophets in his day. Jezebel did not. Modern Jezebels don’t fear God and they don’t take care of the preacher.

- And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel? And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father’s house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim. Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto Mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and
fifty, and the prophets of the groves [Asherah, a goddess] four hundred, which eat at Jezebel’s table. 1 Kings 18:17-19

1. Jezebel exposed Ahab to Baal worship and caused him to trouble all of Israel. Jezebel stirred up trouble everywhere she went. Modern Jezebels trouble their household and cause peace to leak from it. Modern Jezebels are addicted to agitation and are not at peace with peace. Jezebels are not peacemakers. They are agitators who love the sound of their own voice.

2. There were two sets of prophets, Baal prophets (450) and Grove (or Asherah) prophets (400). The Asherah prophets ate at Jezebel’s table. Jezebel kept company with dirty people. She fellowshipped with the demon worshipping prophets. Asherah is the female goddess counterpart to the male deity, Baal. Oddly enough, Jezebel only fellowshipped with the men who ministered to the female goddess. She surrounded herself with men who worshipped femininity. This speaks of homosexual perversion on both parts: Jezebel for wanting to be worshipped (lesbianism) and the male prophets for wanting to worship (be like) the feminine form. Modern Jezebels are no different. They surround themselves with dirty influences, dirty women, effeminate men, and carnal friends. American Jezebels often have homosexual men as friends. The modern Jezebel’s conversation is often laced with rebellion, slandering their husband and the general mockery of men.

• And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to morrow about this time. 1 Kings 19:1,2

1. Ahab had to report to Jezebel because she ran the show. Modern Jezebels like to run the show and have browbeaten their husbands in to reporting to them so they (the Jezebel) can then make the decision. Jezebels throw temper tantrums when they don’t know absolutely everything. Jezebels are nosey.

2. Jezebel issued a proclamation against Elijah- she spoke as if she was the one in charge. Modern Jezebels must always act as the family spokesperson. They speak for their husband, for they have robbed his voice (and stolen his backbone).

3. Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah. She did not go herself. Jezebel was bold when speaking from her castle of safety. Modern Jezebels are big talkers in private and around choice company and often resort to notes and emails, but they are spineless and insecure when it comes to face-to-face confrontation.

4. Jezebel made a blasphemous threat against the prophet. Modern Jezebels also get into a habit of making blasphemous threats against biblical authority in their life, e.g., divorce, separation, quitting, defrauding the marriage bed, etc.

Ladies, please be mindful, this attitude wants to attack you and attach itself to you. Be forewarned, this attitude is lethal and toxic and will surely destroy everything around you. If you have found any of these traits in your life, REPENT quickly. More Jezebellian attributes to come in the next lesson.

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The most wicked woman in Bible history was Jezebel. Her name has become synonymous with control, manipulation, and rebellion. Let us continue our study of her attributes.

• But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no bread? And he spake unto her, Because I spake unto Naboth the Jezreelite, and said unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money; or else, if it please thee, I will give thee another vineyard for it: and he answered, I will not give thee my vineyard. And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou not govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, and eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite. So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were in his city, dwelling with Naboth. And she wrote in the letters saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people: And set two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and the king. And then carry him out, and stone him, that he may die. And the men of his city, even the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did as Jezebel had sent unto them, and as it was written in the letters which she had sent unto them. .....Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth is stoned, and is dead.

1 Kings 21:5-11,14

1. Jezebel again resorted to sending letters and not appearing in person. Modern Jezebels are bold from behind the scenes, but never in person. Jezebels would never speak to the pastor the way they speak to their husband.

2. Jezebel had no authority of her own so she stole her husband's. Jezebel illegally spoke from her husband's office. Modern Jezebels are comfortable using stolen authority. They are experienced at it. They invoke the name of authority when authority has not spoken. They have lost the fear of sitting in the king's seat.

3. Jezebel proclaimed a fast, indicating her knowledge of God-ordained practices. Modern Jezebels also know how to speak Christianese when it benefits them and they will do so for selfish gain.

4. Jezebel flattered Naboth while she plans his death. She exalted him only to strike a greater blow. Modern Jezebels are avid flatterers, using their tongue to manipulate, then extract what they want.

5. Jezebel showed a penchant for scamming, conniving, and manipulating to get what she wanted. Modern Jezebels are also good at manipulation, scamming, conniving, lying, deceiving, and beguilement. Once a Jezebel gets their heart set on something, they will not stop until they get what they want. Jezebels don't know how to be content.
6. Jezebel accused Naboth, an innocent man, of blaspheming God when she was the one who was guilty of it. Modern Jezebels are also quick to accuse innocent people of what they themselves are guilty of. In this regard, Jezebels are grand hypocrites.

7. Jezebel sent letters in her husband’s name, but the men who received them knew it was her, for when they had carried out her nefarious plans, they reported the success back to her, not to King Ahab. Modern Jezebels have a reputation among leaders. She’s not fooling anybody, though she speaks from behind her husband’s voice.

• But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred (incited) up.

   1 Kings 21:25

1. Jezebel did not provoke Ahab to good works nor to serve the LORD; she provoked him to rebellion and sin. Modern Jezebels provoke their husbands to sin, complacency, apathy, spiritual lethargy, and hopelessness. Instead of breathing life and encouragement in to their husbands to lead the way, Jezebels emasculate them, resist them, and even thwart their husband’s God-given ambitions.

• Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman (your wife) Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

   Revelation 2:20

1. This New Testament Jezebel was illegally operating in the Church of Thyatira. She was out of order. Jezebels are still bringing their act to the church today. They don’t just limit their rebellion to the home.

2. She called herself a prophetess, but Jesus Christ called her Jezebel. Jezebels have the propensity to think they are more spiritual than the pastor and their husband.

3. This Jezebel took it upon herself to be a teacher at Thyatira. Jezebels think they’re smarter than everyone and always have a better way. “If only I was in charge, I would do it better.”

4. Jezebel is a seductress. This kind of seduction is not limited to sex. A Jezebel will seduce people in to doing what she wants. She will use flattery, guile, and all manner of cunning craftiness. She is even good at getting people to violate their conscience by using guilt and manipulation.

Other Observations

• Neither the LORD, nor the prophet Elijah, nor the unnamed prophets (1 Kings 20:13,22,28) (God’s representatives) ever spoke to, dealt with, or even approached Jezebel concerning the leading and governing or defense of Israel. Period. Authority never dealt with Jezebel concerning Israel because Jezebel was not the God-ordained leader of Israel.

• Even on the day of her prophesied death, the man of God sent to slay her does not even speak to her (2 Kings 9:30-33).
WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT JEZEBEL

• And of Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel. 1 Kings 21:23

• And the carcase of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel; so that they shall not say, This is Jezebel. 2 Kings 9:37

• And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searches the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works. Revelation 2:21-23

JEZEBEL’S DEMISE

• And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her face, and tired her head and looked out at a window. And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, Had Zimri peace, who slew his master? And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who is on my side? who? And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs. And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down: and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trode her under foot. And when he was come in, he did eat and drink, and said, Go, see now this cursed woman, and bury her: for she is a king’s daughter. And they went to bury her: but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of her hands. Wherefore they came again, and told him. And he said, This is the word of the LORD, which he spake by his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, In the portion of Jezreel shall dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel: And the carcase of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel; so that they shall not say, This is Jezebel. 2 Kings 9:30-37

And thus ends the reign of the most wicked female influence in the entire Bible. Don’t be counted among her equals.
Proverbs is the Book of Wisdom. The following are proverbs that specifically address women and their behavior.

- Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: To deliver thee from the strange woman, even from the stranger which flattereth with her words; Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God. For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead. None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life. Proverbs 2:11,16-19

The strange woman is the first woman introduced to us in Proverbs. We find out she used to have a walk with God. Now, anyone who follows her ends up like her: dead. Don’t forsake the guide of your youth. Don’t forget the covenant of your God.

- Let her be as the loving hind and the pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love. Proverbs 5:19

Godly women are loving and pleasant. They are described here as deer-elegant, gentle, graceful, majestic, etc. The godly wife is always able to submit to her husband’s sexual needs, for he is commanded to be ravished (drunk) with her love always.

- To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman. Proverbs 6:24

The evil woman has a flattering tongue. A godly woman does not flatter or patronize. A godly woman has godly speech.

- And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil [crafty, sly] of heart. She is loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house: Proverbs 7:10,11

This woman dressed like a harlot. It doesn’t say she was a harlot, just that she dressed like one. Godly women don’t dress like heathen women. They are careful to not cause their brothers in Christ to stumble through lust and wandering eyes. Get over yourself and your youthful lust, and portray godly style, not carnal fashion. Also, it says this type of woman is loud and stubborn (lusty, rebellious, clamorous, unmanageable, boisterous, fickle) and she doesn’t like to stay home (mind her own business, not content to stay at home).

- A foolish woman is clamorous: she is simple, and knoweth nothing. Proverbs 9:13
This verse speaks of the foolish woman—the woman of folly. She has three characteristics: clamorous (loud, boisterous), naïve (stupid, flighty), and knows nothing (willfully ignorant). Other renderings say: she has no sense of shame; she is a silly woman who acts on impulses. The Amplified reads: **The foolish woman is noisy; she is simple and open to all forms of evil, she [willfully and recklessly] knows nothing whatever [of eternal value].**

- **A gracious [humble] woman retains honour [stays anointed].**
  - Proverbs 11:16a

Women of God must be humble. God resists the proud but gives grace and honor to the humble woman. Humility is never overrated.

- **Like a gold ring in a pig’s snout is a beautiful woman who shows no discretion.**
  - Proverbs 11:22 NIV
  
  **Discretion:** the quality of behaving or speaking in such a way as to avoid causing offense or revealing private information.

Some women are vulgar and crass. They have no shame in publicly discussing things that should be private. They also take great delight in drawing attention to themselves by making others uncomfortable. Proverbs equates her outward beauty to an insignificant gold ring and her inward beauty to that of a pig. No one notices a crass, tasteless woman’s beauty.

- **Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.**
  - Proverbs 14:1

Godly women build their home. They don’t destroy it through laziness or feminism. They build it through diligence, love, respect, honor, and a strong walk with God.

- **Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.**
  - Proverbs 18:22

Wives, God calls you a “good thing.” When your husband married you, God threw this thing called “favor” in with the deal. You came equipped with favor from God.

- **House and riches are the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent [wise, circumspect] wife is from the LORD.**
  - Proverbs 19:14

Women should desire, study, and strive to be prudent, wise, and circumspect. This is a great quality to be had and one that is greatly lacking in heathen women.

- **It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house.**
  - Proverbs 21:9, 25:24
God have mercy on the man unfortunate enough to have married a brawler. The word for brawler here is the same as contentious in Proverbs 21:19 (strife, discord, contest). The godly woman must be a lover of peace and harmony, not quarrelling, bickering, arguing and strife.

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

- **A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike. Whosoever hideth her hideth the wind, and the ointment of his right hand, which bewrayeth itself.** Proverbs 27:15,16

The man who finds himself married to the contentious, angry woman is a most miserable and shame-filled man. The Bible says it is better to be alone than to have married this kind of woman. This reverses God’s statement in Genesis: “It is not good that man be alone.” In this case it is. Other versions call the contentious woman “bitter-tongued,” “cranky woman,” and “nagging woman”. To restrain her is like storing up a storm wind. And grabbing hold of her is like trying to pick up oil in your hand. Impossible. She’s a gusty windbag and slick as grease. You’ll never contain her. The husband unfortunate enough to marry this type of woman learns this quickly and usually ends up the quiet type who just hangs his head in shame.

May God help you ladies become everything He has called and designed you to be.
GODLY WOMEN
Lesson 8
The New Testament Job Description

Any new product available today will come with an instruction manual. Many of these instruction booklets will include a disclaimer somewhere that says something to the affect of “This product is not intended for the use of . . .” This type of statement has been included because somewhere someone used the product for that unintended purpose, usually with dire consequences. God’s Word tells us what a woman’s intended use and purpose is. Let us look into our God’s Instruction Booklet. This lesson will look at New Testament scriptures describing a woman’s God-intended role.

***WARNING: The following lesson is neither American nor Progressive. It is, however, strictly biblical. We are not sorry for any inconvenience or offense this may provoke on your feminist/lesbian tendencies.***

- And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod’s steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him [Jesus] of their substance.
  
  Luke 8:3

Godly women minister to the LORD of their substance. They financially support the Gospel, instead of their shopping addiction.

- Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife,

  1 Corinthians 9:5a

Godly women submit to the leadings of their own husband. God gave the man authorization to lead the wife, not the other way around.

- Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.
  Therefore as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

  Ephesians 5:22, 24

Godly women are submitted women. First and foremost, they are submitted to their own husbands. They also submit to all authority.

- [Intreat or Call near] The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity.

  1 Timothy 5:2

Godly women, whether old or young, assume their role in God’s family. Older women are to act as mothers in the Body of Christ. Younger women are to act and carry themselves as sisters with purity.

- Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day.

  1 Timothy 5:5

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Godly widows trust in God and they are women of prayer. Not all widows are godly.

- Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed saints’ feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work.
  
  1 Timothy 5:10

Godly widows maintain good works. They are given to hospitality and helping those in need. Godly women are diligent to follow good works.

- 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

It is godly for women to marry, have children, and guide the home. Lesbianism mocks these things but God calls them good.

- Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.
  
  1 Timothy 3:11

Godly women are grave (venerable, behavior that can and does demand respect). They don’t slander. They are sober (sane, in control of their mind, no alcohol), and faithful in all things. Godly women are faithful and dependable.

- The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;
  
  Titus 2:3

Godly women aspire to be holy. This is holiness in every manner of the word. Godly women are not false accusers. They don’t drink or cause others to stumble with carnal living. Godly women are teachers of good things, not bad or evil things.

- That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,
  
  Titus 2:4

Godly women are teachers. They look to help younger Christian women. They can teach Christian sobriety (self-control, moderate as concerning opinion) because they are sober Christians. Godly women must learn to love their husbands. Godly women must learn to love their children.

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

Godly women are discreet (careful in speech, moderate as concerning opinion). They don’t have a runny mouth. Godly women have learned to keep the home (domestically inclined, a
Godly women have learned to obey their own husbands. Some women like to obey every husband but their own. All of this behavior keeps the woman of God from blaspheming the Word of God.

- 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. 1 Peter 3:1,2

Godly women are submitted to their own husbands, even the backslidden one. God is interested in the husband obeying His Word, not the wife’s word. A godly woman is able to convert her husband by her holy conversation (lifestyle).

- 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 3:3,4

Godly women are not overly concerned with their looks, but rather, are more concerned with how their heart is looking. They are more concerned with how their attitude smells rather than how pretty their perfume smells. A godly woman decorates herself with a meek and quiet attitude, not a loud obnoxious voice.

- For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: 1 Peter 3:5

Godly women trust in God. Godly women submit to their own husband.

- Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord [sir]: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement [flee in terror]. 1 Peter 3:6

Godly women honor their husbands and defer to them and do them good. Godly women do not shrink back or flee in terror from this Bible commandment.

Being a New Testament woman of God is not for the faint of heart.

Scriptures: Luke 2:36,37
Godly Women

Lesson 9
Marital Intimacy and Desire

God designed mankind to have a sex drive. Sex is God’s idea and it is good in His sight. God created sex and designed it to be enjoyed ONLY within the realm of marriage. Sin perverts sex and destroys God’s beautiful plan. Before marriage, sin hyper-sexes both men and women. Unfortunately, after marriage sin works to snuff out the sex drive and kill marital romance and intimacy. This lesson is designed to help women rekindle their sexual desire for their husband and refresh their marriage.

Understanding Your Husband

Wives, you must understand how your husband is made. He is a visual creature and operates on sight. God has designed him to want you and to keep wanting you. You cannot shut this off. To attempt it is vain. The Word of God propels him to want you.

- Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well. Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth. Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love. Proverbs 5:15,18,19

Wells and cisterns are allegories for marital sex. Your husband is commanded to drink waters out of his cistern (have sex with his wife). Your husband is commanded to rejoice (have sex) with you, to be satisfied with your breasts, and to be ravished (drunk) with your love. This is as much a biblical command as “forgive one another.”

- I am my beloved’s, and his desire is toward me. Song 7:10

Your husband’s desire is toward you. God said so. Would you rather his desire be toward someone else?

- Thou hast ravished my heart, my sister, my spouse; thou hast ravished my heart with one of thine eyes, with one chain of thy neck. How fair is thy love, my sister, my spouse! how much better is thy love than wine! and the smell of thine ointments than all spices! Song 4:9,10

Here, the husband confesses what Proverbs previously declared: I am ravished (drunk) with you and just the thought of you. The way you look at me and when I look at you......woooooo!! The Bible even records that he likes the way his wife smells. Wives, make sure your heart is toward your husband when you perfume up and not any other man.

- Thy two breasts are like two young roes that are twins, which feed among the lilies. Song 4:5

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The Bible records a conversation where Solomon is talking about his wife’s breasts. Solomon was looking at them and thinking about them to the point where he began to talk about them out loud. Your husband is thinking about your breasts. This is of God and it is good.

**MOTIVATING YOURSELF AS A WIFE**
Unfortunately, many wives lose their desire for their husband. This is a dangerous place to find your marriage. What began as a nervous, joyful anticipation on the wedding night can slowly become a bitter dread. A wife must guard her marriage against such a slow drift into sin. If a wife does not care for her husband, the devil has plenty of candidates who will. Below are some scriptures that you can pray over yourself to rekindle the flames of romance.

- Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: for thy love is better than wine.  
  Song 1:2

Solomon’s wife made this statement in the opening of Song of Solomon. She longs for her husband to kiss her. She is asking to be kissed. This verse is as much the Word of God as “For God so love the world…” Wives, you can pray yourself affectionate and romantic. His kiss can make your heart pitter-pat again, if you want.

- I am my beloved’s, and his desire is toward me. Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field; let us lodge in the villages. Let us get up early to the vineyards; let us see if the vine flourish, whether the tender grape appear, and the pomegranates bud forth: there will I give thee my loves.  
  Song 7:10-12

This verse speaks of their friendship and the fact that they do things together as a couple. Married couples should do things together. Along the way, she says, I will give you my loves (sex). Apparently, she likes to be intimate everywhere: village or vineyard.

- And it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out at a window, and saw, and, behold, Isaac was sporting with Rebekah his wife.  
  Genesis 26:8

Here Isaac and Rebekah were not at home, but somewhere out and about where the king happened to see them “sporting.” The NIV translates this “caressing.” The two were in love and desired one another.

- Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife.  
  1 Corinthians 7:3,4
One translation renders “due benevolence” as “conjugal duty.” A godly woman has certain duties (as does a godly man). One of these is to sexually care for her husband. Contrary to feminist doctrine, God says in His holy Word that women don't have authority over their body, their husband does.

- **Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.**
  1 Corinthians 7:5

Within the marriage, the Bible calls withholding sex “fraud.” You are defrauding your spouse. The Greek word for *defraud* here literally means “to deprive through separation.” A sex-deprived, fraudulent marriage will not last. Sex is not to be a negotiating tool. It is the ultimate act of intimacy.

**FOR SINGLE WOMEN**

Though you may currently be single, these are Bible truths that will help you prepare your heart for marriage. Until the grand day of your betrothal, here are some scriptures to help you keep your heart and virginity safe.

- **A garden inclosed is my sister, my spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed.**
  Song 4:12

This verse speaks of the godly woman’s sex drive and virginity. Her sexuality is referred to as a protected garden. She is not loose. She is chaste and modest. Her sexual drive is referred to as a spring shut up and a sealed fountain. She has not had sex with anyone but her husband. She has kept her sex drive in check, closed up, and protected. She has kept her fountain pure for the husband God has prepared for her. She has not shared her waters of sexual intimacy with any other man.

- **Awaken not love before the time.**
  Song 2:7b NIV

Guard your heart when men start to call on you. Walk with God and look to Him for His approval of any man interested in you. Do not look to your own heart or emotions.

- **Not to awaken or excite my feelings of love until it is ready.**
  Song 2:7b NCV

The New Century Version brings out that love can excite your feelings. We are not led by feelings, but by the Spirit of God.

- **[Intreat, call near, interact with] The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity [clean, chaste, innocent].**
  1 Timothy 5:2

Carry yourself with discretion and godliness and men will treat you as such. Be chaste and...
holy. Your brothers in Christ are commanded to treat you this way. You will generally be treated the way you act and carry yourself.

Sexuality is part of woman’s design. Seek to glorify God in this gift from Him. The Bible will teach you how to do it. Follow the Bible’s plan for your life and you cannot fail.