Concerns For the Family

#02: Women as Helpers

Genesis 2:18

"¹⁸ Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a <u>helper</u> suitable for him."

God creates a "helper."

Deuteronomy 33:7

"⁷ And this regarding Judah; so he said, 'Hear, O Lord, the voice of Judah, and bring him to his people. With his hands he contended for them, and may You be a <u>help</u> against his adversaries."

Psalm 33:20

"²⁰ Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our <u>help</u> and our shield."

Psalm 121:1-2

⁽¹⁾ I will lift up my eyes to the mountains; From where shall my <u>help</u> come? ² My <u>help</u> comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth."

Genesis 2:22

"²² The Lord God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and <u>brought her to the man</u>." Your primary calling in life is to be a helper.

Genesis 2:23

"²³ The man 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."

Genesis 3:20

"²⁰ Now the man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all the living."

Genesis 3:17c-19

"^{17c} ...Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. ¹⁸ Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; And you will eat the plants of the field; ¹⁹ By the sweat of your face you will eat bread, Till you return to the ground, because from it you were taken; For you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Exodus 38:8

^{**8} Moreover, he made the laver of bronze with its base of bronze, from the mirrors of <u>the serving women</u> who served at the doorway of the tent of meeting."

I Samuel 2:22

"²² Now Eli was very old; and he heard all that his sons were doing to all Israel, and how they lay with the women who served at the doorway of the tent of meeting."

Luke 8:1-3

"¹ Soon afterwards, He began going around from one city and village to another, proclaiming and preaching the kingdom of God. The twelve were with Him, ² and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and sicknesses: Mary who was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, ³ and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who were contributing to their support out of their private means."

Acts 16:14-15

"¹⁴ A woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul.¹⁵ And when she and her household had been baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and stay.' And she prevailed upon us."

Romans 16:1-2

"¹ I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea; ² that you receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and that you help her in whatever matter she may have need of you; for she herself has also been a <u>helper of many</u>, and of myself as well."

Prisca noted as a worker with her husband. (Romans 16:3)

Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you. (Romans 16:6)

Acts 9:36-42

"³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which translated in Greek is called Dorcas); this woman was abounding with deeds of kindness and charity which she continually did. ³⁷ And it happened at that time that she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her body, they laid it in an upper room. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, having heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him, imploring him, 'Do not delay in coming to us.'

³⁹ So Peter arose and went with them. When he arrived, they brought him into the upper room; and all the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing all the tunics and garments that Dorcas used to make while she was with them. ⁴⁰ But Peter sent them all out and knelt down and prayed, and turning to the body, he said, 'Tabitha, arise.' And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ And he gave her his hand and raised her up; and calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. ⁴² It became known all over Joppa, and many believed in the Lord."

She was <u>abounding</u> with or <u>full of</u> good deeds.

Psalm 78:38 (KJV)

"³⁸ But he, being <u>full of</u> compassion, forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not: yea, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath."

<u>Psalm 86:15 (KJV)</u>

"¹⁵ But thou, O Lord, art a God <u>full of</u> compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth."

<u>Psalm 111:4 (KJV)</u>

"⁴ He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the Lord is gracious and <u>full of</u> compassion."

Acts 9:36

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I Timothy 2:9-10

⁴⁹ Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments, ¹⁰ but rather by means of good works, as is proper for women making a claim to godliness."

Ladies, your primary calling is to be a helper.

Men, knowing that your wife's primary calling is to help, do not presume on your wives. Be careful of how much you give up in order to work outside the home. Where would men be without women?

Where would the church be without women?