

The Voice

May 2014 Newsletter

Portrait of a Godly Woman

By Ashley Smith

For centuries many God-fearing women have looked to the woman of Proverbs 31 as the epitome of a godly woman. Although this woman is described as the ideal wife for a city elder, her depiction highlights several essential qualities of a godly woman; whether married, single, or widowed.

It is critical that we understand how to be God's woman and not be deceived by the world. Society has a high regard for a woman's outward appearance, and a woman's use of beauty and charm has become an acceptable means of gaining power, prestige and wealth. People glorify the provocative woman with the tough demeanor; she is portrayed as strong and independent, whereas the more reserved, quiet woman is characterized as naïve and weak. You may unconsciously find yourself adopting the character of what is acceptable in society; however, as women of God it is important to measure our womanliness by God's standards.

First, a godly woman confesses that she is a sinner and turns to Jesus Christ as her Savior. She seeks spiritual growth and is determined to strengthen her relationship with God, so she studies His word, remains in fervent prayer, and fellowships with other believers, always trying to draw nearer to God.

Secondly, a godly woman's outward qualities are a preview into her inner essence. Her kind, humane speech reveal a calm spirit as *she opens her mouth in wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue* (Proverbs 31:26). Her consideration of her family and the needy before herself reveal humility as *she reaches out to the poor and extends her hand to the needy* (Proverbs 31:20). A godly woman dresses respectfully (1 Tim 2:9,

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Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, 5.17.14 @ 1pm-4pm

W.O.W. Ministry Picnic

Abalone Cove Park | Palos Verdes, CA

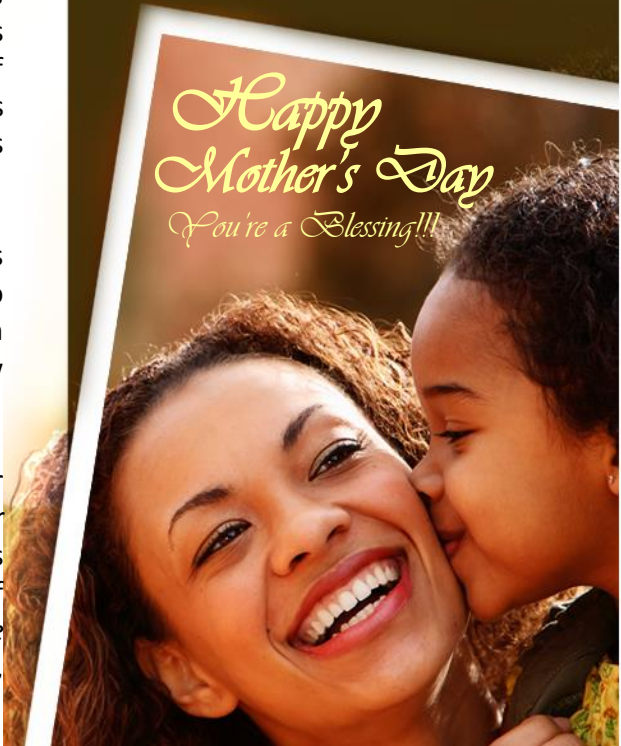
For info & to RSVP contact Shan

323.945.0508 (ladies event)

Sunday, 6.8.14 @ 11am

Pastor 3rd Year Appreciation Service

Happy
Mother's Day
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ANSWERS TO BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Jesus showed His love for His mother Mary by appointing of her after He died. This showed He wanted to be sure she would be cared for in His absence. (John 19:26-27)
2. **False.** Hannah promised God that she would give her son back to Him. This is referred to "child dedication". (1 Samuel 1:11)
3. **True.** Lot's wife disobeyed the instructions of the angels not to look back at Sodom and Gomorrah as it was being destroyed. She looked back and was turned into salt. (Gen 19:26)
4. Sapphira conspired with her husband Ananias to lie to the Apostles about how much they received from selling of their land, so they could keep money for themselves. However, they didn't realize they were lying to God, the Holy Spirit, not to man. Sapphira died from lying to God. (Acts 5:9-10)
5. Elizabeth. (Luke 1:13)

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1Pet 3:3). She has style but does not purposefully draw attention to her outward appearance. A godly woman seeks to bring attention to Christ and would not want her merciless words, egotistic behavior, or indecent attire to conceal the light that we are to shine (Matt 5:16).

Finally, scripture clearly describes a godly woman as an enterprising woman. The praised and capable woman in Proverbs 31 makes and sells linen garments, works with willing hands, and even buys a field and plants a vineyard. She is active and creative, able to watch over the household, and possess a business acumen that highlights her good judgment and labels her trustworthy. She is not in "bondage" only doing house chores and bearing children, as society would have you believe. Quite contrarily, a godly woman can "do it all" without forfeiting faith, humility, or submission to God.

Special Announcements

- ❖ We will celebrate and appreciate our Pastor on June 8th for his 3-years of labor. Please prayerfully consider giving a sacrificial love offering on this day.
- ❖ DaySpring T-shirts are now available to order. For cost and to place an order, see or contact Tinaya Hughes at 562.208.5023.

Bible Trivia

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1. What did Jesus do on the cross that showed His love and concern for His mother Mary?
2. **True or False:** Hannah promised God that if He would bless her with a child, she would worship Him for the rest of her life?
3. **True or False:** Lots' wife was turned into a pillar of salt?
4. According to Acts 5, why did Sapphira die?
5. Who was John the Baptist's mother?

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

By Tinaya Hughes

Hi DSCC Family,



The month of May is always dedicated to all mothers of the world. Well we want to dedicate this month to being a WOMAN OF GOD!! I know there is a lot to this commitment but there is a special woman I want to speak her mind of what a real true WOMAN OF GOD should be. She is very wise and has been a Christian for a long time. She is a wonderful woman, wife and mom. She is the mom of our very own pastor. Our **SPOTLIGHTED** member of the month is Mrs. Linda Griffin

What does it mean to be a woman of God?

The first requirement for a woman of God is to accept Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior (John 1:12). However, the growth process does not stop here. A woman of God should desire to participate in a Bible-believing church to grow her further.

She should attend Bible Study and continue striving to grow closer to God in learning His word (2 Timothy 2:15). As a believer, a woman of God begins learning how to lean, trust and depend on God's Word in every area of her life. She is a praying woman; her ways and desires begin to conform to God's will (not man's). A new lifestyle will begin to emerge as evidence of this new life. As a woman of God matures in age and in faith, she realizes that she is a teaching example to women of all ages.

A woman of God learns through God's word; who God is and who she is in Christ. She should exhibit the fruit of the spirit; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control and know that these are His fruit and not her own. Therefore, in everything that she does she gives God the praise and glory because she realizes that it is God who gives us the will and allows us to do His good pleasure (Phil 2:13).

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