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WOMAN "God's Secret Weapon"

Man's HELP MEET

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In Genesis 3:16 we read that women were put under a curse after the fall in the garden of Eden; where men were to rule over them, but today we are under a new covenant of grace where women are no longer cursed. It is as it was before the sin in the garden. Women are now under a new way...a better way; and as she is now in Christ a King and a Priest, she will also one day rule as a King and a Priest over the nations alongside men of whom are their equal. Find out about woman... God's "Secret Weapon" as you read this book. Email: lena c@frontiernet.net

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INTRODUCTION

Research, biblical scripture, the Hebrew and Greek words, or numbers are given for proof, and deeper insight to see for yourself the hidden, secret, and not often used words by men in society when describing the woman, help meet of man, and other words usually related to submission of women.

This e-book might <u>ruffle</u> a few peacock feathers; but believe me, if you are given an opportunity to discover hidden meaning behind original biblical words, and choose to look deeper into God's words through current technology, the Hebrew and Greek meaning behind a particular word might surprise you. If you are willing to let down your defenses and seek God's interpretation for these end times, you will see His desire is for both male and female to comprehend the books and words being opened to us so that we can become the "one" unit in relationship that He intended for us from the very beginning.

This e-book undertaking is not about liberating women to burn their bras! This is about liberating men and women to be all that God has always intended them to be. How amazing would it be if men and women truly understood their role under the New Covenant which God ordained for them through the His whole council, and really tried to apply it in their relationships?

How incredible it would be to see men responding to women uniquely better than ever before and to see women confident and secure in who God made them to be...to see both working together to fulfill their destinies within the boundaries of God's Word.

When the New Covenant was originally introduced by Christ, it brought about changes that were hard to integrate into that day's religious society. Sadducees and Pharisees, who were the religious leaders and pastors of that time, especially struggled to accept all that Jesus was teaching.

The new church, under Jesus, was transitioning from practicing the Law to living freely under Grace. This would create many complications for each of them and they had to learn how to apply this new information to their lives all the while re-thinking that what they had originally received from God may not have been interpreted correctly. One example of teaching that was turned on its head was that Jesus healed on the Sabbath...He worked on the Sabbath and did the majority of His miracles on the Sabbath. Religious leaders condemned Him for this "work" He did on these days.

Another was that most people of that day were expecting a powerful leader that would free them from Roman rule. What a surprise it was for them to comprehend that Jesus came as a Lamb to be slain and as the Good Shepherd that leads them; and not as the Lion who would conquer their oppressive enemies.

Many arguments that took place among the Pharisees and Sadducees caused significant conflict for everyone. The spiritual leaders of the day wanted things to remain just the way they were, so they chose to crucify Jesus the Christ to keep it that way. This is how it is today among the different factions within the church body. There are men and women who like things just the way they are and they are either unwilling to look deeper, or ignorant to the idea that God is unfolding Scripture in these last days for His purposes for the fulfillment of all prophecy in God's Word.

God wants all the Deborah's (i.e. Warrior and Prophet) to arise, the Sampson's to leave the mill and fulfill their kingdom assignments, and the Elijah's to come forth in the power of the Holy Spirit. These disciples of Jesus are not a few, but many all willing to hear from heaven, and answer the call of God.

God puts His seal of approval upon marriage as the right relationship for sexual union and intimacy between a man and a woman. Scripture in context describes how men are to see women, and how women are to see themselves. God created all of us to be something more than just the traditions of men.

God does not want the traditions of men to get in the way of us seeing what He has taught about His traditions inside of Scripture. Take the blinders off your eyes and heart, which have been there far too long and stimulate your swindled mind to see Truth. Satan, that devil, has been the author of deception far too long in this area. It will be your choice to change just as it is your choice to believe.

I am about to ruffle up some peacock feathers and to get down under the skin of those who want things to remain as they are. It is time to stir up the world for change! Too many prefer the statusquo...the existing state of affairs, and they really do not believe that new information about God's Word is available.

To those who continue to learn and search for truth, they realize that the Word of God is a revelation flower unfolding before their eyes. Over the years, the understanding of God's Word has continually been peeled back by Him through the aid of modern technology, archeology, and many other scientific breakthroughs.

So going back to the peacock analogy, male peacocks spread their beautiful feathers, strut around so that all other peacocks (both male and female) see and admire them. I am addressing all you "full-of-yourself" peacocks (which could quite possibly include pastors... yes, definitely pastors!) and godly men.

You need to teach yourselves to learn new methods of studying the revelation of God's Word today! We live in a society of self-love, with egos as grand as a narcissistic socio-pathic peacock! It appears to be epidemic. This epidemic is not really a personality disorder, but a sin disorder of self-importance and self-love; perhaps stemming from deep wounds of which have not been dealt.

If you should find that you are becoming more of a discerning and questioning peacock rather than a socio-pathic one, a question to ask yourself is: did I really search this particular subject

Thoroughly, or did I just believe some other peacock's pulpit version of how it has always been? So many books have been written about how a man is to be in authority over a woman with very little concern and care given to what a woman thinks about this or what Scripture actually teaches about this.

Men, please read this new information with prayer, and ask for the Holy Spirit's wisdom to receive the fresh revelation that has been buried from mainstream Christian society by Satan and his minions. Wake-up, relax those lovely feathers, and saunter on over to sit at the feet of Jesus for awhile. This is from the Lord!

Those of you who perceive of yourselves as the guardians of what has always been taught in historic Christian circles as Biblical, need to ask yourselves why you fear learning something so different than what has been taught. Why? Pride could be at the center of it all like a dictator peacock that demands worship from its followers. Perhaps it is fear of falling under penalty or condemnation from fellow Christians or pastors or teachers or churches for thinking that there could be a better interpretation than what has always been. Whatever the reason, there should never be found among you a vain, and proud narcissistic self-centered attitude. A meek and gentle spirit like Christ's is needed to further examine what is written here and in Scripture.

Peacocks that do not want to change are not truly disciples of Jesus, because as followers of Jesus Christ the Savior, we will change, and we do change every day. We must surrender our desires to Jesus, and give our desires over to His use and purposes. Peacocks who do not allow women to fulfill kingdom assignments or projects that they are called to do are not hearing from God and do not want God to change them!

This was written to rock boats, awaken those who have been asleep, who have wanted to stay asleep!

CHAPTER 1

WOMAN

"God's SECRET Weapon"

God made marriage, and the concept of a man and woman becoming "One" from two separate individuals. This was His model of heavenly things. God spoke to us through the whole council of Scripture; but unfortunately, man's traditions have predominately ruled our way of living throughout history.

Once you men learn to see the women as Christ sees them, this will give you confidence and assurance as to their gifts. You will see the authority God has placed upon her as part of her ministry to you, to the Body of Christ and to God. You women are an important part of the decision making process within your world. But as we all know, this has not been the case. Why?

God is concerned about kingdom projects, and men and women need to get on board in allowing women to go forward with their God-given assignments. She is a chosen vessel for His purposes, so do not squash what God is doing just because you're not sure about it. Start studying!

Why do we neglect this powerful weapon that God has given to complete a man? How amazing it would be if men and women would recognize this gift (the woman) and weapon in their lives-God's "Help Meet" for man and "Secret Weapon of God!"

God intended in the beginning that women would be created to be men's equal ally for a common purpose in this battle that is waged here on earth and in the heavenlies. In context of Scripture, help means, "As God gives the victory!" A same application can be applied to the women who help men be victorious in all things. When a man struggles in the flesh his wife can help him become victorious. That could mean she admonishes rebukes, teaches, or exhorts her man. If she is in a position of authority somewhere she may need to do this within the Body of Christ as well, so be it.

A woman (or a man) should keep in mind that if she (he) is in a position of authority or in a situation where she (he) needs to help another, it is necessary to keep her (his) focus on Jesus Christ. Sin with its condemnation has a way of creeping in and derailing the best of us. Remain in humility before Jesus Christ and honor the forgiveness you have been granted in Him.

The following list is from Hebrew and Greek word parts. Suffixes and prefixes were added to the root words to create the interpretation of HELP MEET. From Strong's H5826 and H5828 the root words "ezer/azar" are used 19 times in Scripture. In the following verse, the context (although this is a negative passage) includes both men and women as having the same attributes.

"Which did eat the fat of their sacrifices, [and] drank the wine of their drink offerings? Let them (5826/the helpmeet) rise up and help you, [and] be your protection." (Deuteronomy 32:38)

- H5826 "Help Meet" is the same word as "them", and 'HELP' is too as Jesus helps us. All bulleted words below are from the Hebrew and Greek under Help Meet:
- Woman is your defender and protector.
- She is an ally, collaborator, friend, and partner in war.
- She girds up and surrounds like a <u>moat</u> around a castle (a moat is for protection, a buffer, shield, safeguard, bulwark, and a shock absorber...she preserves, looks after, takes safety measures to maintain and defend the man, family, and/or church body.)
- The woman is a co-compatriot (i.e. a fellow <u>citizen</u>, countryman, of the heavenly kingdom to come to earth, a subject; and used of a leader and commander in a war, a fight or battle of single combat, or a dispute of differing opinions.)
- She is a priest in the likeness of Christ (advising in spiritual matters, requiring female intuition, caution, and instinct, she delivers from death; spiritual death or in the flesh.)
- She sacrifices personal wants and needs for what is best. She exhorts, insists, puts pressure, and encourages others to surrender self-desires, to give and sacrifice, surrender, forgo, and forfeit their desires as well. (When she thinks her man is spending too much time away from home and tells him thus, is she nagging or bitching at him, or obeying the voice of God?)
- The woman was created as a watchman-guard and sleep defender (i.e. protects against apathy; keeps others awake) on the tower; whom God has sent to help men discover and track the enemy's advances.
- Woman supports man in decisions when good, or warns if not so good. The woman warns of others who are not trustworthy, and warns of possible danger in business, the church, or associations.
- Women are fellow-workers in the common purposes and desires of God. She gives wisdom whether someone should be a business partner and co-worker or not. She can be a board member (2nd in command) for the decision-making in the family.
- She is CEO in the army of God, and first in command of the troops; however, she is not the general because God is Head of all.
- Woman is a HIGH PRIEST in the same way as Christ is to the Church. Women minister to their husbands like Jesus ministers to mankind as present in the flesh, as well as in spirit. Women are sisters in Christ foremost, and can be wives in a marriage relationship.

- If she is married she is to hold her husband to the highest standard spiritually and morally. This high standard should transcend into whatever area in which it is needed that she finds herself in. Man is her associate co-worker in God's earthly kingdom. Steel sharpens steel. She sharpens you, and you sharpen her. One, without spot or blemish, and clean which means neither is corrupted or sinful in Christ.
- She is the ultimate voice that speaks to you when no one else can or is available. She sees differently than you do, and she recognizes approaching danger (i.e. other women, business deals, and spiritual blindness)...she must warn, protect her man, and God's head over her.
- She can deliver you from the sword (i.e. weapon, strike, assault, incursion, or death) According to the Hebrew and Greek she has the best instincts in the company (i.e. family unit, marriage, and the work place.)
- She holds His members (i.e. organ, appendage, parts, and members [sexual purity of private parts]) to moral and ethical accountability like Jesus Christ the Head of all does. This means that when a man has wandering eyes, and/or is behaving unethically, immorally or unseemly (not fit as a follower of Jesus) a man may deserve her admonishment, and she may just tell it like it truly is. This was her assignment given to her by God, not to aggravate a man or husband, but to HELP him in his war against the flesh.
- All meanings above are from the Hebrew and Greek words, or roots associated with Help Meet.

Unfortunately and for too long, man has thought these God-given attributes listed above as being ungodly for a woman to speak to her husband about. They (husbands, men in church leadership) have considered her to be un-submissive and not subject to them in a manner that they are used to having or what they expect (i.e. traditions of man) from her; so men, as a general rule, have resented her holding them accountable.

Man, she is your priest just as Christ is...you are to her as well. Keep in mind that your pastor does not live with you (at least with most of us), and neither do your counselors. They don't know you as well as your spouse do. So when you go to them for help in some situation they only hear what you want them to hear unless you are brutally honest about the situation. Spouses can and should be your second sounding board in any situation, with God being your first.

My interpretations of "help-meet "and its roots come from the Hebrew and Greek Lexicons, the Thesaurus, and the English dictionary. There is Scripture throughout this manuscript to verify woman's position as a worker in the fields, and for the kingdom of God.

Women willingly submit to the lead of her Commander-in-Chief (Christ) in the marriage union, but men and women are subject one to another in Christ. She has special commands from God to

obey and do as she is led by the Holy Spirit. Men have their commands as well, and instead of worrying about whether she is being submissive, you need to worry about if you are acting in humility towards her.

She is being led by the Holy Spirit if she is listening to the voice of Jesus living within her. She is getting His commands and input into her heart and mind just as you are when you are listening to Holy Spirit within you.

Jew and Gentile believer both have different roles to play in the kingdom of God, but both are equal in God's eyes. Both must choose God first and live according to His commandments. The same holds true for male and female within a marriage covenant with each other. I Corinthians 11:11-12 states: "However, in the Lord, neither is woman independent of man, nor is man independent of woman. For as the woman originates from the man, so also the man has his birth through the woman: and all things originate from God." and Galatians 3:28 says "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor man, there is neither male nor female: for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

WOMAN IS the defender, the girding surrounding the soul of a man. She is a protector of the man, and she is a watchman who warns the troops (i.e. family, church, husband, etc) of the enemy's advances and operation.

She is a High Ranking OFFICER in God's Army and in yours as well. She is a PRIEST and spiritual leader in Scripture. She is a deliverer from the sword; and as Christ is to the Church, so is she to you. Women are the custodian and keeper of your morality. She takes a stand and becomes a SHIELD of Faith. She is deflecting the darts of the enemy for you. When she brings an attack to your attention you need to fight back the ambush with her! She has inside intelligence!

What is a secret weapon? <u>Secret</u> means undisclosed, hush-hush, and is anti-establishment or an alternative. A weapon is used to injure, defeat, or destroy, in contending against another; and in this case, it would be used against the enemy Satan with his deceptive devises and his workers of iniquity. It is bizarre how the evil one can infiltrate those we would call family, friends, or leaders we know and trust; so listen to the leading lady in your life when she gives you discernment.

She is the knife or gun in your arsenal, just like prayer is. And yet she is also like your armor surrounding you with godly defenses with words of wisdom that God gives her to help you.

Jesus Christ is our God, and God has given you someone in the flesh who is your Help Meet. She is fashioned in Christ's image just like you are, and she has similar duties she performs while being your bride, wife, or even co-worker. She does not replace the Lord in a man's life, but she is God's choice for a man to bring to completion what he lacks in the same way as man completes the woman.

The woman is the weaker vessel or more fragile physically, so God gave her man to do heavy labor. In general, usually it is the men who go to war, and the women who usually stay at home caring for the household and children. She is not inferior, just created for different purposes. But we also see that many women have fought alongside men in wars, so they can work like men, but it is harder on a woman's physicality than on a man's physicality. Fighting a war ignites a man's instincts to protect and fight for family, women, and children. We see in 1 Peter 3:7 the advice given to men: "You husbands likewise, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with a weaker vessel since she is a woman; and grant her honor as a fellow-heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered." Peter is advising husbands here to understand, to take note that women are like fine china and need to be protected, cherished and treated gently...to understand clearly that women are to be honored so that their own prayers would not be hindered!

Woman, according to God's Word is a homemaker, under the authority of the man, but she is much more then the housekeeper of the home. "Help Meet" in Scripture is not about just keeping the house clean, or just tending to the children; women also purchase land, and support the man in all his kingdom assignments as referenced in Proverbs 31.

Women are vital to God's army because she HELPS protect the family with her own God-given discernment, wisdom and common sense. As a watchman on the home-front, she also observes, examines, and surveys the enemy's approach, line of attack, and scheme.

Your help-meet delivers her report to the commanding officer—YOU. Do you hear her warnings and both together create a strategy to combat, or deal with the enemy who is shooting arrows at you? She should be sought by the commanding officer to bring into the command post Intel of what she believes, understands, and judges to be important or true.

This Intel gives you valuable insight, and together you can make godly decisions in any area of life! If there is division between the two of you then the commanding officer needs to seriously consider what he has heard from his fellow officer and then act accordingly in wisdom and discernment. Partner with her!

In Genesis 2 God made for man a woman as a "Help Meet" for it was not good for him to be alone. God knew man was not complete by himself. This was not an accident in God's creation, but spoken and done purposely to express that man is not an island and all self-sufficient needing no one else.

"And Adam gave names to all the cattle and the fowl of the air and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found a help meet for him." (Genesis 2:20)

Man is not God obviously, and was not made COMPLETE and in need of nothing (i.e. like Lucifer who before the fall was perfect in all his ways, and yet even he fell because of SIN being found in him!)

God was making a statement for our ears to hear and hearts to understand. God knew that the heart of man, his spiritual and other attributes would be lacking, and for God's purposes was made that way. God knew man would try to be an all-inclusive, in need of nothing kind of person, an island unto himself. Man was made purposefully less than perfect and created to need character, discernment, companionship, and a woman's warrior spirit in the battles of life.

Man, in general is more sexually charged then woman; but, there are exceptions out there! In most cases they were created that way to be aggressive conquerors, to be leaders.

God created the woman not as an afterthought but as the other half and part of the man that made him complete. Together, they are one. Attributes that were not given to man came in the form of a woman to him. These qualities were not just the parts man thought he might need, but all the traits; personal, physical and mental attributes given to woman that man actually does need. She was designed specifically to be what he was lacking and vice-versa. God in His sovereign wisdom created Adam and Eve to be exactly what the other needed to be complete.

Some say Eve was made from Adam's rib which protected his heart so that he would be more inclined to protect her; but in the Hebrew, it implies that Adam was actually cut in half and then the woman was formed. This is a strong implication that Adam is definitely not complete without Woman added back to him in marriage. Society and Satan have tried very hard to keep God's precious secret (woman) veiled, but she is a weapon to use as part of your armory. She is not to be used as a cuss word, treated as less than human, marginalized, or just kept home as the little sniffling housewife-y who has no brains of her own to consider doing anything else other than to cook, clean and have sex with her husband. Satan's plan has deceived many church leaders, society, a lot of our men, sons and daughters; and painted a different picture for the woman's place in the world; thereby, causing the unit of husband and wife to be insignificant.

God alone should be the interpreter of the woman's place in His kingdom and the work He has assigned her to do. God alone must be the One who says what is right and acceptable, and what we are to live by. Man should not determine this; nor, the traditions handed down through history. So, as I interpret the words HELP MEET in Hebrew, and lay this out to be understood; I leave it up to God to move the hearts of men and women as to the truth of this matter and interpretation.

God made man incomplete for a reason, He knew man would have a tendency towards PRIDE like Lucifer who was the perfect created being, but who fell into sin because of pride. In God's wise foreknowledge, His purposeful creation of the imperfect man teaches all of us humility. By taking Adam's rib or other half to create Eve He created a dynamic unit which could only move forward with a symbiotic sort of leaning and relying on each other. Each individual needs the other to be one complete person who will perform God's purposes.

Your wife is a God-appointed weapon in your hand. She is not your adversary. Perhaps you perceive her as nagging at you (and maybe she really does!) but consider what she is saying. Perhaps God is trying to tell you something...perhaps He is the One who is really nagging at you!

Allow her the courtesy to question, warn, or tell you something you may not want to hear but may need to listen to for your own benefit, because this is her God-given job. If after thoughtful consideration, you find she really is just being a nag, at least you have done your God-appointed job of being humble before her, so pray for her. God is aware who really hears Him and is acting on His behalf and who does not; and He is aware whose heart is humble before Him. Stay humble and do not find an excuse for lack of courtesy. In situations like this, it is your duty to lift your wife up for help from God.

Something else to keep in mind in this day and age when both spouses are working outside the home; although, your wife is your HELP MEET, she is not just your own personal housemaid/ dishwasher; though, she may wash a lot of dishes and do a lot of cleaning. Men are perfectly able to wash dishes and/or to help carry the load of any household chore. God does depict the woman as a homemaker, but there is so much more to that word than just cleaning the house. Men are not mothers and homemakers naturally; but if one should find himself having to be like a mother and to keep clean a home or help out with the household chores; with God's help, he can be a great mother and homemaker! It is the same for a woman who may have to work outside the home and/or be a single parent. Whatever she does, she does well with God's help. It is all a reliance on God no matter what situation a single or double unit family may find themselves in. Single unit families were not God's ideal but it happens and no matter where you should find yourself, relying on God is paramount to making things go smoothly and well within a home. So with this, it is important to note that abusive spouses (physically, sexually, or verbally) are not God's ideal either. There is no reliance on or consideration of God within the abuser. The abuser is blinded and needs help. The victimized spouse needs to get out and away safely and it is the hope the offender gets God-given help to correct behavior and thinking; and that the one abused gets the help to heal and forgive.

In the following passages in Psalms HELP is the same word as "help" used in Exodus 18:4:

"Send thee <u>help</u> (Strong's 5828) from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion." (Psalm 20:1)

"O Israel, trust Aaron (High Priest) in the LORD: he [is] their <u>help</u> (Strong's 5828) and their shield (Strong's 4043)." (Psalm 115:9)

Trust your woman for she is there to strengthen thee, and to be your shield.

The very word used above for "help meet" is used for Aaron the High Priest. The women also act as high priest in a fleshly sense to keep one on track, and to share God's words of exhortation, rebuke, and wisdom.

The words "help and shield" are a grammatical equal and they indicate that God is our SHIELD that helps us. She is the sword, weapon, and shield of your Excellency! She has a very high religious position in your relationship!

Women should not be what the traditions of men have conformed her/them to be; while the church has followed the traditions of men and the traditions of their own fathers, they are in error. How did this come about? I believe it has come about through poor translation and interpretation principles practiced.

For instance, the passage in 1 Timothy 2:9-15, we read, "...Let a woman quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness. But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet.... it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being quite deceived fell into transgression...but the women shall be preserved through the bearing of children if they continue in faith and love and sanctity with self-restraint." Paul was advising Timothy who a young pastor was serving in the very ungodly city of Ephesus.

In the heart of this town there was a huge following of the goddess Diana who was the goddess of the hunt, the one who talked to animals and the one who blessed childbirth. The women Timothy had in his charge were uneducated in the history of Judaism and the New Covenant so they were combining with the old familiar teachings, the new in which they were learning; and thereby, leading others astray. Paul wanted Timothy to correct this. The word used here for "authority" has the definition of "violently stealing authority." These Greek women were quite outspoken!

We see in the book of Titus that Paul was dismayed by men who were practicing this same kind of authority stealing from the Gospel to teach their false doctrines. So what we are actually seeing here is that Paul was not denying women authority because they were women...it was because of what they were doing.

As to the final part of this above passage he was encouraging women to understand that they would not have healthy childbirth by the goddess Diana but through their trust in the faith, love, and holiness of Christ. And I might add that Paul pointed out that Eve was quite deceived in the garden. Unfortunately, we are all vulnerable to that, but Paul failed to point out the fact that Adam willfully sinned in Eden (of which we are also do as well). So that makes it a done deal for a man to be the authoritative leader in the home and church always? I think NOT!

Women need to recognize how God sees them. They need to see themselves as bold, supportive, co-compatriots, fellow citizens, neighbors, priestesses, servant to God and Man, submissive to all, as sisters in the Lord, and as weapons of choice in the battle. Woman! See how wonderful you were made, and how valuable you are to your man! Do not let anyone put you into a traditionally-taught church-y mold and configure you to that will and liking. Submit yourself to God's ideal for you.

Women are to be molded by the Maker's hand and no other. When man uses Scripture to prove a point about bringing a woman back down under a yoke no one can bear, ask them to read all of Scripture in correct context, and then ask them, "Do you treat me as Jesus Christ would treat me, and since I am a king and priest just as you are do you think you rule over me, or is it God who rules over both of us?"

The media and religious institutions, including pastors have tried to make wives subservient to abusive and unloving men. Even men who truly love God tend to rule with the idea that somehow their wisdom and will supersedes that of a woman.

I've seen good leaders and pastors silence their wives before they have even heard her speak, and they have done it in a way that is condescending; not necessarily heavy-handed but, in a way not accurate according to the Word of God. Paul tried to correct this dishonoring of women by giving them first name recognition in passages like Romans 16:1-12 when this was not a common practice in his day. Seek the TRUE will of God and dwell appropriately with your HELP MEET who God has given you. She is your equal; and because you do not save her, for she must search out her salvation on her own in fear and trembling just as do you, you are to be so Christ-like having a servant's heart that when you present yourself and your bride before God as "one" there should be no flaws, wrinkles or blemishes in your union. This is only accomplished through utterly depending on God to help you both.

If men are condescending, critical, and unwilling to be a servant in a relationship, it will lead no one to Christ. If I were a man, and expected my woman to fulfill all her responsibilities to me, God and others, but did not have the same expectations for myself, how could I present myself to God as an honest, faithful and selfless man? You two are as one to God. So if you maintain this separateness from her, do you really believe that without question, she would follow you into battle? It is more like she would fight back, be disagreeable to you or worse yet—collaborate with the enemy! She is reflecting back at you this separateness.

If your leadership skills were impeccable on a human scale (again, depending on Christ for this), she would follow you to the top of the mountain, and to the ends of the world. As her man and head, she would trust you because she knows you have already considered her input and feelings. She would trust the decisions you have made because she would be confident that it has been a joint and respectful venture with her. Working as one, unified in all things, and caring for the other just as one does for oneself is key. Do not be a dictator, but a board with equal votes or an army with consensus and direction for the troops!

Please read all of the Biblical chapters that tell both man and woman to be subject not only to each other in the relationship, but to those in the body and church. Men and woman are to be clothed with humility subject to Christ, as are various powers and governments to be subject unto Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 3:22; 5:5)

"For <u>whosoever</u> (whatever person) shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my (Jesus) <u>brother</u>, and <u>sister</u>, and <u>mother</u>." (Matthew 12:50)

Woman is your mother and sister in the Lord, yet what place have you given her?

When your woman senses danger and warns you, are you listening to her? The danger may be another woman, a business deal, a potential disaster, it could be financial, or family related. Disregard her and you disregard God.

If a military officer sent spies to scout out the enemy and to scrutinize their next move or attack would you ignore them when your spies brought the Intel to you? Would you say, "I do not believe you know anything about this?" As an officer you would look at all the Intel, and with your co-compatriots make a defensive or offensive plan of action. That co-compatriot is your helpmeet and the secret weapon in your arsenal; and in truth, she is actually from God's arsenal to change the battle in your favor.

Let us look at it from another angle: as a man you have your secret weapon which is your wife, but you don't bother consulting with her or listen to her when she is trying to advise you. A decision is made to buy something or go into business with someone, while all along your wife did not trust the purchase or individual. (This is her God given intuition for this purpose.) And then catastrophe occurred. Perhaps this is familiar to you? Many men have gone forward into ruin or trouble when virtually God gave them the answers to their prayers right in front of them! They just did not ask the one God was using to answer those prayers of theirs...the one who would reveal those answers to them from God.

God has sent answers to you, but perhaps you have never understood this was one way God speaks to a man. By the end of this book, it is my hope that you will see your helpmeet differently, and that women will see how marvelous they are! Women are equal in every way to men, and made for God's purposes. Together you accomplish God's purpose, function and/or goal.

Here is an interesting story taken from Scripture...In Genesis 7:7 we read "Then Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him entered the ark because of the water of the flood." Now remember that in the Garden a curse had been pronounced on Adam and Eve. Eve would have the curse of pain in childbirth and have an innate desire to her husband but that he would rule over her. We are not told exactly what this desire was but most scholars speculate that it was a desire to lead or rule over him. Noah would have carried over this knowledge of the curse with the women in his life. We can see from the above Scripture that he and his sons were the first ones in the ark but the women followed. Once the flood receded, we see that God tried to tell Noah (vs.16) to come out of the ark differently... "Go out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and your sons' wives with you." Did Noah follow God's orders? No...We see a repeat in vs. 18 of what happened in vs. 7. This seems insignificant until you read the story of Noah exposing himself in his drunkenness. One son dishonored his father while the other 2 did the respectable thing and covered him up. My question to you is where was Noah's wife in all this? She should have been there to cover her husband's impropriety, but she was not. I suspect she had an indifferent and maybe even a hostile, vindictive attitude towards this man who did not honor her or God's wishes. I might point out here that where the ark came to rest on the mountainside on Ararat means "the curse is reversed."

We can see from the name Ararat that it was always God's idea to reverse the curse and He did that ultimately with Jesus who after His resurrection revealed Himself to the women first at the tomb. Why? I am sure that God wanted men and women to understand that He considered both

male and female on an equivalent. We see that women led armies in the O.T. Like Deborah who was a prophetess who directed the armies of Israel (who were most likely all men) to a winning battle. It was a subtle way to reveal that God was partnering with women for His purposes. For the women at the tomb they were to tell the men that "Jesus had risen!" What a message from God to share!

God does not want an overbearing and bossy wife to usurp the commanding position of the general in her life. Unfortunately, many women find that they are just such a woman! Most of them feel a sort of desperation that they can't be heard unless they get bossy. Some of the ways a man can help his spouse feel less desperate is to practice really loving his wife and to have a willing heart to give up everything (their comforts, their pride, their needs, and the need of being right, or ignoring her words of wisdom) for her. Most likely, this giving up of his creature comforts is taking on the servant nature of Jesus, and the willingness on his part has to be something a women senses and knows on a deep heart level. So, practice answering her in a loving Christ-like manner instead of using an angry and stern voice (ungodly) even if you feel annoyed at her prodding, questioning or insight into matters that you have considered off limits to her formerly.

Woman, remember you are vital to the protection of the troops (which could be your family or the body of believers). You are not an Army of One! So begin to think, respond, and act like the officer you are. Together you will not face divorce court if you truly behave as the Scripture presents.

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy (viewpoint, way of life, values) and vain deceit (deception), after the tradition of men, after the rudiments (fundamentals) of the world, and not after Christ." (Colossians 2:8)

Christ is the COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, and as the general of God's armies how do you treat the officers that are in charge of you? Do you respect their decisions in the heat of battle? Women, can you respect your husband's decision after he has consulted you about what you thought? Men, do you truly view your wife's intelligence with respect and consideration? In the future, you both must highly esteem each other.

God, Jesus, and Spirit encourage a triune respect for the thoughts and actions of each other. Had they been fractious with each even though they were One, perhaps salvation would have never occurred for any of us! If you choose to do things your own way, using the old traditional ways then you are taking your tanks and big guns in the battle but not using them wisely; and when the enemy is advancing but your SECRET WEAPON that you have had all along is hidden away, you will lose your battle!

Woman, consider how amazing it is to find out that you are vital to the protection of man! You were created to protect Him specifically as well as others. Women were meant to greatly influence the family, the church, and to participate in battles that are waged against each one of us by the evil one.

At the beginning of the church age Jesus, through His disciples, was inaugurating a New Way: Women no longer had to pray or attend synagogue in separate rooms; but, were allowed in with the men as "one congregation." The disciples were teaching that we were all equal under the auspices of each having had a personal salvation through Jesus!

"These all (men and women) continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brethren." (Acts 1:14)

"These" spoken about in Acts above were the Apostles and the women together all in one room worshiping. Under the old traditions and ways of the priests and leaders of Israel this was not done. Jesus broke the laws of the religious leadership in His day and His disciples did the same.

Help-meet and subjection, in the minds of many authors, have been synonymous. Most books focus on old ways, traditions of man, and not on the true meaning of the context or words—these underlying Hebrew and Greek meanings bring a whole new view to the surface.

When Jesus came he began to <u>change</u> old thinking and habits, turning old covenants into new covenants. He wanted to change the hearts of people to think and act differently.

Rather brashly, Jesus healed on the Sabbath and in the temple, He plucked corn from a field on the Sabbath and encouraged His disciples to eat and then spoke to the bigots who criticized His actions by relating to them the story of King David who took bread from the temple altar when he and his men were hungry. Jesus also went to the temple at Passover time and overthrew those who were selling products in the temple.

In this wise, let's look at some Scriptures with some new perspective: "And the LORD God said: it is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an HELP MEET for him." (Genesis 2:18)

"And Adam gave names to all cattle and to the fowl of the air and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an HELP MEET for him." (Genesis 2:20)

As we learned before the Hebrew word for <u>helpmeet</u> is ezer/azar, and those two words were broken down and interpreted earlier. Those words were in context and taken from within the Scriptures.

<u>MEET</u> just by itself means: in the presence of, before, in view, toward, in the face of, and to turn towards or to anywhere or anyone, to go to them. The woman is in the presence of man face-to-face sharing in all things pertaining to them, their family and/or to their extended brother/sisterhood.

Without woman, man was not complete or whole. God lovingly sculpted Eve from Adam's own body. He was not complete without her and she was not complete without him. Humanity itself is incomplete without the Redeemer Jesus Christ, who in a very physical way procured salvation

for each of us so that we could be ONE with God. Male and Female are a picture of complete UNION.

Mankind through the ages has acted like he has been missing nothing, but in the eyes of Wisdom, it has seen him utterly un-whole and defeated. Everything a woman is, a man is not, and viseversa, but together they are a complete "ONE UNIT."

How to illustrate this Oneness that is so necessary to victory for male and female? Well, we see that a man is to love and understand his woman, and woman is to reverence her man and both are to be in submission to each other in the reverence of God as written in Scripture.

"Submitting yourselves one to another <u>in the fear</u> of God." (Ephesians 5:21)

"Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as he loves himself; and the wife see that she <u>reverence</u> (Strong's G5401-G5390) her husband." (Ephesians 5:33)

"Reverence" here is dread and terror in a subjective, biased, and one-sided sense; like having a healthy fear of something (like not playing in the water during an electrical storm). One stays safe when the fear is in place. This fear is also in the singleness of heart in coherence, unity, consistency of thought or purpose, as when you rebuke or warn a person in front of others so that all can be safe and protected.

When you work out your salvation with fear and trembling this is the same as working out your salvation in <u>reverence</u> and trembling. (Philippians 2:12) It is in a subjective sense; subjective means both women and men working out their salvation in subjection to each other and under God. People in general should practice treating others kindly, not judging others, but esteeming them instead.

I conjecture that if young people were taught by their fathers and mothers the Greek understanding of these passages which, in the lexicon, is understood to mean that fear is respect and reverence for authority, rank, <u>behavior</u> (actions, manners, conduct, deeds, and performance), and <u>dignity</u> (self-esteem, distinction, impressiveness, worth and nobility, also significance, importance, thoughtfulness, and impact, influence, authority, sway); then this could revolutionize marriage and the world! Woman would have an inner confidence because man trusted her to not only help in decision-making; but, would also make decisions that normally he might have neglected. Both being subject one to another in the fear of the Lord.

"Help" (Ezer-Strongs H5826):

"Let them rise up to <u>help</u> you, and be your <u>protection</u>." (Deuteronomy 32:38) This same word is found in the following passages as well: Joshua 1:14, 10:4, 6, 33; 1 Samuel 7:12; 1 Chronicles 12:22, 15:26.

Angels <u>helped</u> David and his men in their fight against the mighty men. The angels were physically fighting giant hybrid beings (like Goliath) on David's behalf. The same word HELP was used by God describing woman as man's HELP MEET!

In 2 Chronicles 25:8 "help" is used as <u>casting down</u> of the enemy.

Exodus 18:4 reads that God was Elieser's help, and <u>delivered him from the sword</u> of Pharaoh. Women too can be wielded as a sword in God's hand to help and deliver men, or even themselves from the dangers in life.

Help Meet is not used in the context of wives or mothers doing dishes (even though most women keep the house); but, as a protector, deliverer, and co-commander in war against the workers of iniquity, against the enemy of the marriage, family, church, and everything else.

When God speaks of MAN, He sees both male and female as one unit, mutually in submission to each other; yet with a hierarchy for order, a form of social organization with each member possessing different roles, which benefits the whole. Each having unique authorities just like the angels do in having an hierarchy; yet they are all part of the Army of the Lord.

JOAN OF ARC

<u>Joan of Arc</u> was a leader of armies, but there was slander surrounding her. She felt that God had spoken to her; but when she tried to relay this to a man-driven world, she was persecuted. She was on a mission of the Lord in her understanding, and nothing would stand in her way of performing her calling and purpose. She lived in a man's world and it still seems to be around today!

In a man's world where most preachers tell women to be submissive to their husbands, and rarely encourage submission to each other in their teachings of the book of Ephesians, we all suffer the loss of important parts of the gospel, and the loss of many individual callings. "Keep the women within the confines, limitations, and boundaries of marriage!" seems to be the rallying cry.

Under grace, women are to work side by side with men to further the gospel. Women are called kings, priests, servants, saints, and friends. We believers all will rule over men, nations, and kingdoms in the Millennium and into eternity because God has ordained it so! Women will be seen just as valuable a part of the body of Christ as men. Women will not be under their earthly husbands when they judge and rule on the earth as kings and priests, but will be recognized as who they really are in Jesus Christ.

Under the curse in the Garden of Eden, woman was punished for partaking of the fruit and giving it to Adam. Many see women as the cause of sin or evil because of this; but in other cultures women are worshiped as goddesses, forbidden by God of course. All of it is rooted in a poor understanding of what Scripture actually teaches.

Women are not the cause of evil in the world and should not be blamed for such. In Eden, Adam made his own decision to succumb to temptation. Both were cursed for sinning. We are judged individually; and just as individually, we must each make a personal decision to receive Christ as our Savior. "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your <u>own</u> salvation with fear and trembling." (Philippians 2:12)

The Scriptures are clear that women are no longer under a curse for we see that Junia was an apostle along with Andronicus. Paul even called them "outstanding apostles!" Phoebe and other females were considered to be deaconesses, had churches in their homes and worked alongside men to further the gospel to help mankind in powerful, spiritual and prophetic revelations. These freedoms continued throughout history as we shall see from Joan's story.

Joan grew up in a simple life on a farm in the northeast of France. At 13 she believed she was told in a vision by saints/angels to drive out the English and protect the heir to the throne of France. This became her calling. At sixteen she believed she needed to be at the king's side to protect him. Joan felt that "she must go and must do this thing, for my Lord wills that I do so." Many in her day believed she was given divine revelation, and this convinced him (the king) to take her seriously.

Joan traveled with the army and wore protective armor which was normally worn by men. At one point in a battle she was pulled off her horse and captured by an archer. Imprisoned, she attempted several escapes, one of which was an occasion to leap from her 70 foot (21 m) tower to land on the soft earth of a dry moat. Unsuccessful, eventually she was put on trial for heresy, unorthodoxy, and politically motivated dissent of which was considered by many as illegal.

Because she followed her calling no matter what happened around her or to her, the course of 2 nations' histories was changed. This young woman of God followed the Lord no matter how society treated her. Whether she was right or wrong about hearing from the Lord, she bravely led armies and history speaks proudly of her courage!

CHAPTER 2

DWELL WITH HER IN KNOWLEDGE

"Likewise, ye husbands, <u>dwell</u> with [them] according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being <u>heirs</u> together of the grace of life; that your prayers are not hindered...finally, [be ye] all of <u>one mind</u>, having compassion one of another, <u>love as brethren</u> [be] pitiful, [be] courteous." (1 Peter 3:7 & 8)

DWELL – (Sknoikeo)-means to inhabit a home, or temple or a tabernacle like in the body.

KNOWLEDGE - (Gnosis) -means moral wisdom, such as seen in right living, as belongs to the more advanced, and deeper perfect knowledge of religion...what is lawful and unlawful for Christians to do, or say. The thesaurus states that this type of knowledge is fact, data, comprehension, realization, sway, appreciation, and order to instruct, obey, and demand.

This knowledge is obtained by reading the Word of God, praying and seeking God's will in all things. You cannot come to the proper understanding of how to <u>dwell</u> with women until you understand the deeper things of Scripture, the meat of the Word, which comes with much study. We all are to study to show ourselves approved, endorsed, legitimate, and certified in the knowledge of the Word even where it concerns women.

Summarized from I Peter 3:7-8: Husbands live with your wives based on the deeper and perfect knowledge of what is right and moral and not according to traditions of men, or what you've been taught, but by what is written and revealed to you in God's Word...(and this e-book's body of research).

Both men and women should love each other as sisters and brothers in Christ, being courteous and having the same mind (intelligence, brainpower, emotion, sentiment, opinion, outlook, and way of thinking, etc).

Remember a house divided cannot stand, so get on the same page as the wisdom of God's Word and be united in the same cause and battle. Be aware of the tools of your warfare and use them.

Dwell, live, and grow and study together in full understanding of how a woman should see herself, and how the man should see her, and what his and her role is in encouragement. Women feel a lot of varying emotions, so learning how to channel these for the best use, benefits both parties.

HOW WOMEN SHOULD BE TREATED: Women are not the adversary, men and husbands! You do have an adversary though; and, he is out to derail you and the women in your life. Part of his subtle tricks resides in old ways of thinking.

Are you willing to step into a new revelation of Scripture...into a new way of thinking?

Only ten years ago, if we wanted to research anything thoroughly, it would take months and sometimes years; but, today with the click of a mouse, we have access to Hebrew and Greek lexicons, commentaries, original manuscripts, etc. We are indeed a privileged generation. At the touch of a screen we can see countries fall or rise in triumph.

Today we can unlock the secrets that are beneath the text of the Bible. This opens a new world to us that once was not available. God is not limited to our finite understanding of Scripture. His Word is living, breathing and unfolds like the flowering revelation that it is. Insights are opening up to us as new understandings of the past are being unveiled. What does the future hold? There are endless possibilities on subjects once not easily understood before.

Be brave, and pray for God's unveiling of hidden secrets as we get closer to His coming, to the insight of His revelation to us.

The "Help Meet" is the focus in this e-Book, and she needs to prepare herself and/or others for conflict by building a <u>moat-like girding of her castle</u>. The act of surrounding is done by one who is an ally in the war. What timing, to be made ready for the battles ahead in a time when security is changing and the world is becoming more hostile to God!

According to Scripture, men are in serious need of a woman's help, because men were not created to conquer the world alone.

Are you listening to God? He speaks through your wife in that still small voice. Reacting angrily and stridently towards a woman or spouse is not Christ-like, nor acceptable. There are occasions when strong rebuke is needed, but this should never be done prideful. Just be prepared to receive it from your woman as well. Men and women should leave hot emotions and anger out of any discussion. Be wise, and listen to each other. Women are uniquely designed to advise, warn, and to help in ways men have previously ignored.

When a rebuke from a man has been imparted, the humble woman will surrender preconceived ideas about a matter and take it to God in prayer. The Bible says to examine yourself to see if you are of the faith. We all must submit to the other, and humbly hear complaints, concerns and frustrations with us from others. It is possible that we may not catch a flaw in our character that is obvious to another.

You must dwell with the woman in "perfect knowledge." What does that mean? If you do not lead as Christ would lead the church, your wife will not follow you. A woman is bone of your bone, and flesh of your flesh, a perfect reflection of you. If you do not like what you see in her, then you cannot truly like who you see in the mirror. What and who you are is reflected in your woman. If your woman is unhappy, you must ask yourself why this is, and seriously consider what this means.

Man could single-handedly win the heart of his woman once again if he would be like Christ to his woman...if she saw you practicing Christ-likeness daily, there would be nothing that could keep her from respecting and admiring you. It is for you to study to understand who Christ is and how to be like Him. He was not judgmental and condescending like a dictator, but full of love, grace, charity, and long-suffering. Place your imagination for a moment inside a woman and try to see things from her perspective in role relationships. This is indeed what Christ actually did when he came to this earth incarnated as a human to see what it was like to live as the bride of Christ.

Godly women are co-compatriot, partisan, and loyal (i.e. supporter, devotee, on yours/God's side, enthusiast and member) of man and God as Jesus intended, but are you overbearing and bossy? Do you shield her from words of wrath or anger with a gentle spirit? Does she? If the time comes that man refuses to listen to a woman or wife especially within the church, remember women, you were given authority as a <u>sister</u> in Christ to exhort, admonish and rebuke your husband and/or brother in Christ for behaving inappropriately and not as a godly man.

The only ones that see a man as he truly is in private are the woman, family and God; so woman, you must hold him accountable for his actions. If the time comes when you need to bring in others as a witness to his poor behavior, then you are within your Scriptural bounds to do this.

Your man is not God. God alone is the only one who is always right and He does not need our advice, but your man needs your advice, you are the only one who can keep him totally sharp. Remind yourself who you are to God and why you were given to man. Hold your man accountable for the words or actions wither it be good and godly; or inferior, inadequate, destitute, and disfavored.

Others do not see behind the closed doors of your castle; therefore, husbands dwell with your wives like Jesus would being selfless and humble allowing graciously for mistakes, speaking gentle words, and being gentle in actions. This is unconditional Love!

Remember there is a time for everything; thus, with the Holy Spirit and prayer, you will learn when to speak, and when to be silent.

If you are married to an unbeliever all the above applies, but great discernment and prayer will be needed for all your decisions as to when and what to say to your spouse.

Men need to be respected by the women. This is not to be overlooked. He is not to be ill-treated nor needs and affection denied, but values him, and admires him. (Admire means to appreciate what he does, all attempts, approve of the things he tries to do, like him.)

Wives, being bossy and overbearing will bring you no benefits or friends! Being overbearing means to be bossy, domineering, or commanding. In other words, do not contend and try to manipulate, rule over your husband and be over-assertive in a ungodly manner. God didn't create you this way. Women must understand that her part in the relationship is to be respectful, gentle, and humble. Not humble in a subservient fearful manner that is unhealthy since we are created

with worth and value. Ladies you should see yourself as God sees you...as His bride and a priestess in the relationship with man. This is awesome and exciting to know! You are not just a glorified housekeeper and wife, but so much more!

"And hath made (us) kings and priests unto God and his Father; to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." (Revelation 1:6; 5:10)

Wives, if a husband, family member, or parent asks you to do something contrary to God's Word you are to obey God's Word. If you suffer for this, you suffer for doing right, and this is well-doing. They (i.e. family, husbands, and the church) are responsible for how they treat you and you are responsible for your choice to obey sinful requests or not. If you are asked to lie or do something you know is illegal, sinful or wrong for the other, tell your significant other "NO!" God's laws are always higher than man's laws and traditions, and since you are kings and queens, priests and priestesses, you are told to follow God first with everything you are. You are not to sin because your spouse asks you to do something sinful. Refuse to do something you know or feel is not right by godly standards, and the Scriptures.

If a wife sees her husband is acting unreasonably angry in front of the children, friends, or others, not acting like Jesus, tell the children that dad is sinning and he needs prayers. Ignoring sin that has been publicly displayed hurts the children and does not help to further their training in righteousness. There are times to cover sin with love (perhaps Noah's wife needed to be taught to cover her husband's very public sin?), but each circumstance warrants different choices and outcomes. We are to confess one to another so we can pray for each other. We are not to hide our sin or struggles, but to be humble and to ask for help.

If a husband sees his wife is not behaving respectfully towards him (this is not to say she is right in acting this way...but it is an indicator that something is wrong in the relationship), it is time to find out why. If you find you are at fault, humbly admit it and ask forgiveness. God knows your heart and intentions. Confess your sins to your sister in Christ, your wife. Be honest, as God would want you to be. Take responsibility as head and general of the troops. Most likely, you may find she apologizes for her angry behavior. Being a servant one to another makes for a more fluid forward momentum in any relationship. (James 5:16)

Courtesy says to always offer one another the best and the more: more time, more godly direction, more striving for unity, and more competent leadership in all parts of any relationship.

At work, do you value the other brother or sister as a co-compatriot, a fellow-warrior in a common purpose, while maintaining appropriate respect and moral wisdom?

Sometimes you will find that working for a secular boss, his advice and wish for you is probably self-centered and ungodly in most assessments, determinations, and results.

So why wait any longer to be complete, full and spilling over with God's purpose for both man and woman together as one in perfect knowledge? Make use of each other as fellow advisers on life's front-lines!

FRACTURED AND DIVIDED

"And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, every kingdom divided against itself is brought to <u>desolation</u> (i.e. astonished, wasted, and devastated); and every city or <u>house</u> (temple or family) divided against itself shall not stand." (Matthew 12:25)

Today's marriages and relationships are fractured and divided and divorce is rampant; believers are shacking up, and then lose a part of themselves to someone with whom they were never going to spend a lifetime. Husbands and wives divided, kids and relatives divided---it seems to be all around us; but what is the source of this? The devil and his minions for sure, are behind these many divisions; but, we give them authority to create havoc in our lives when we are not walking fully in the Spirit and in truth.

Women have grown up believing they are not valued as they feel they ought to have been valued, so they fight to get respect when all along, they had it in God's eyes. Men have thought that they have had God's permission to rule over women in a "do what I say" and "I do not need your opinion, so know your place" attitude. When stinking thinking is in heads the most valuable weapon of God for mankind has been tamped down and unused to advantage against the enemy.

Should we not all be on the same page in concert together making beautiful music? Satan does a song and dance when wrong attitudes towards each other abounds. When a man thinks a woman is a b....h, he has already given the evil one a thresh-hold to cross. Should we not be excited that God gave a message, answer to prayer, or intuition on a matter spoken from the lips of woman? Too often, we are divided, fractured, and ineffective because of our neglect. God has always known what exactly is needed within mankind. We have not heard the Word.

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matthew 6:33)

Would you want an awesome marriage? Then a man should learn what his woman needs and be sensitive to her requests or ideas.

If the marriage is failing, who is responsible? Since a man carries the role of headship then he is responsible ultimately for the success or failure of his marriage. It is of the utmost importance that you as a man seek God first in all areas and then you will get what you need. You can have all the wants that you want; but if you are not willing to put God first, then you will never have success on your battlefield. You, like a general, are responsible for the spiritual walk of the whole family. God will hold you "the man and head of the household" responsible! Are you willing to act responsibly in righteousness towards your wife and family or will you choosing to act selfishly? God knows the motives of YOUR heart.

Keeping with the context of the entire book of Titus read the Scriptures in chapter 2 below and see the importance of godliness in the husband (in Christ) where wives are concerned and the importance of being subject to one another.

5) "Women are [to be] discreet, diplomatic, tasteful, restrained, chaste, unblemished, uncorrupted and pure, keepers (warden, custodian, lighthouse keeper, supervisor) at home, good, obedient (to arrange under, 2nd in command of a place mutually agreed upon...to station, appoint mutually, to appoint on one's own responsibility or authority--yield to one's admonition or advice, respectful), compliant to their own husbands, that the Word of God be not blasphemed. 6) Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. 7) In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine [showing] un-corruptedness, gravity, thoughtfulness, cheerfulness, and sincerity. 8) Sound speech that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you. (What words come out of your mouth to your wife?) 9) [Exhort] servants to be obedient unto their own masters [and] to please [them] well in all [things]; not answering again (talking back)..."

As a side note on verse 9, God does not promote slavery, but Jesus came to set the captives free. There were both slaves/masters and employees/employers in the early church and their societal culture just as we see in today's world. God gave instructions to slaves and employees to win others to God through their humble behavior; and gave admonition to employers and slave owners to treat slaves/employees as family and friends.

The New Testament also reveals that men and women worshiped and praised the Lord together in one place and not in separate rooms.

"These (all in the upper room with apostles) all continued with <u>one accord</u> in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren." (Acts 1:14)

The women like Phoebe and others were teachers/deaconesses and they were the first who saw Jesus at the tomb. Jesus is attempting to teach both then and now that we are one in purpose and value. Prophetesses work miracles as well as prophets and we see quite a few of them by name in the Old Testament such as Miriam, Deborah, Huldah; and Anna in the New Testament. Women should be considered equal as to procuring respect, honor and value just as much as Paul emphasized in his recognition of women by name. If females choose to place themselves under the authority of a male in order and station/rank, this is an honor to a man all in itself! Does God value the general over the first in command of the troops? No! Each individual man or woman has his or her own specific duties to perform.

Womankind has felt fractured, broken, divided, and segregated from their God-given purpose because they have been tamped down by old incorrect doctrine. Womankind have felt obligatory to concede to common societal and church-y traditions because that has been all they have ever known or been taught; yet they feel deep inside that there is something more and greater to do and be. A woman knows instinctual-y that God speaks to her for the man, the office, and the body of believers' benefit. She usually has confidence until she is told otherwise by some

arrogant person. Be careful that you speak the truth to a woman! Women who are confident in themselves often feel like they might not be the best at submission, but they are able to with the help of God.

I feel at this time it is best to dive into some of those problematic Scriptures that have been placed right up there with the 10 Commandments and set in stone! In 1 Corinthians 14 Paul is continuing a discussion on appropriate conduct within this Greek Church. These are extensive and controversial in scope and we won't dive into the entire chapter or book but just address a tiny portion in the latter part of the chapter.

"33)...for God is not a God of confusion but of peace as in all the churches of the saints. 34) Let the women keep silent in the churches; for they are not permitted to speak, but let them subject themselves, just as the Law also says. 35) And if they desire to learn anything, let them ask their own husbands at home for it is improper for a woman to speak in church."

Ok, what is this saying really? We understand that in 1 Corinthians 7:1 that Paul was writing to the Corinthian believers on subjects about which they had previously written to him. In chapter 14 Paul is still addressing certain statements they had written and in verses 33-35 there is a little grammatical symbol that you won't find in most any translation...it is a quotation symbol...and yes, it was originally there. So let me show you how it should read...

"33)...for God is not a God of confusion but of peace 'as in all the churches of the saints 34) let the women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak, but let them subject themselves just as the Law also says. (Um, where does it say in the Law for women to keep silent in the churches?) 35) And if they desire to learn anything, let them ask their own husbands at home for it is improper for a woman to speak in the church.' 36) Was it from you that the Word of God first went forth? Or has it come to you only? 37) If anyone thinks he is a prophet or spiritual let him recognize that the things which I write to you are the Lord's commandment."

See Paul had already stated the fact in an earlier passage (chapter 11) that women did indeed pray and prophesy in public church settings. There were certain culture practices he wanted respected (head coverings). I am conjecturing here, but I think Paul may have wanted a woman to identify as one with her husband. That symbol of authority he talked about in vs. 10 was an "ought to...a should have" a symbol of authority on her head which I believe refers back to a husband/wife team and the importance of Christ being the "head covering." It is important to note here that even Christ had a covering and that was God Himself!

Truly, we should no longer be fractured and divided, but united in Jesus Christ who sees us all equal and who has made us saintly kings and priests in Him. Women and men will govern the world and the nations one day together. We should be practicing this today! Should we not see each other as someone already declared, acknowledged, accepted and respected?

"Servants" in the book of Revelation refers to the 144,000 sealed by God to minister to the world; we too are called servants, friends, saints, kings, and priests. Let each other be all that

God intended us to be and allow the woman to share in all things. Woman, see yourself as fearfully and wonderfully made as God's workmanship for purposes of wisdom, discernment, leading, prophesying, and helping fight God's war on the wickedness infiltrating the family and the world.

You, woman, are made to watch for the enemy, to surround the family with your discernment and protection through the gifts God has given you. We are to be valued by the church to help our men in making decisions; and he supporting us in our choices and works. No dictators allowed!

Woman is more than a homemaker, more than a sitter in the pew at church. She is a worker in the field and she is the moat that surrounds the castle, so let us all perform, take action, and operate as equals in the work of the Lord in whatever form that takes! Humbly of course!

Below is one option to undertake daily found in Titus 2:10-12:

10) "(Do not be) irrelevant, which is not being appropriate, not correct or not good, and don't embezzle or steal, but show all good, faithful, reliable, trustworthy, committed, steadfastness and loyalty (sexually pure, chaste in mind and flesh); that <u>WE</u> may adorn, enhance, beautify the doctrine of God our Savior in all things. (We make God's doctrine look good, we adorn it, bedazzle it, He puts us on like jewels.) 11) For the grace of God that bringeth salvation has appeared to all men (i.e. women, children and nations), 12) Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, <u>we</u> should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world..."

15) "Unto the pure, [is the] wholesome, uncontaminated by the world, and dependable in all things, chaste, and untainted: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving [is] nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience (scruples, principles and sense of right and wrong) is defiled, corrupted, tarnished, and flawed. 16) They profess that they know God; but in word (speech, expression, and example they deny Jesus by being abominable, nasty, insulting and provoking—abusive, aggressive and disobedient, wayward, badly behaved, and unto every good work a troublemaker, perverted and immoral or corrupt." (Titus 1:15-16) (So the opposite of that would be): kind, nice, gentle in word and action, helpful, truthful and not manipulating for one's own gain, straight forward, polite and well mannered, tactful, and obedient to God's word and subject unto the wife, family, husband, and others.

Our families, relationships, and women are fractured and inactive within society and within the church. We are silent and alienated from one another; estranged from the directives, orders, and commands of God in this world. Satan is happy for he knows that he has rendered the man ineffective in the battle and frustrated the woman. Man has left half of his armor and weapons at home! The best part of a woman should be going with him to work, to war; and personally, to prayer and wisdom.

Women and men have been deceived. The battle is fought with only part of the weapons in their arsenal. Women have tried to help, advise, or warn; but they have been treated poorly and hurt in

the process; and then they are left feeling guilty or useless because "so and so has a wife that is totally submissive and I am not." Women know perhaps more than men in countless matters. God made them to be an addition to the man, his completion; and a valuable gem to the world. But like a balloon that is filling up with more and more air until it pops; she keeps to herself what God is revealing to her because there is no one to listen to her or to care about what she thinks.

Women are given much intuition to relay to their man, but the world does not want to hear it. Societal norms teach that she should not even think in such a way because she will be out of place. A woman is God's secret weapon. A SECRET that needs to be shared!

It is not healthy for men or women to be disregarded; for each is a gift to the world, and should be considered a part of the whole body of Jesus. She is the answer others have been searching for in all the wrong places.

Man can win the heart of any woman by his considerate behavior! Just think what that would mean to marriages in America and around the world? If society allowed women their proper place the enmity, hostility and resentment that exists today would only be a distant memory; and what this world would look like then!

Wow! How awesome and freeing it would be for man, and woman not to be caught up in a rivalry of superiority. Them becoming "One" in the Lord might be more easy to attain. Relationships would be united with one purpose and direction.

Be informed! Hierarchy is not place value...it is only a word to describe the roles each play on the stage of the world, in the family, and between God and man. Women you are no longer to be fractured and divided, but whole, united, and together, equal in everything!

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond, nor free, there is <u>neither male nor female</u>: for ye are all <u>one</u> in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:28)

When you see the woman you see the temple, sister, and believer in Christ Jesus!

CHAPTER 3

THE TRADITIONS OF MEN OR GOD?

TRADITIONS are the passing down of the elements, fundamentals, and ground rules of a culture. They are socially transmitted behavior patterns, beliefs, institutions, and all <u>other human inventions</u>, or understandings. Traditions, in and of themselves are not a bad idea...it is only the idea that begins a habit that can be good or bad. Traditions encompass the thoughts of a community or population, a way of life, or customs, handed down and practiced from generation to generation. Traditions are sometimes a body of <u>unwritten religious</u> precepts, rules, or principles that impose a standard of action or conduct.

Traditions were broken by the apostles by following the example of Jesus breaking traditions. Was Jesus breaking the very laws He put into place, or was He clarifying them? Was Jesus bringing to light the New Covenant with a new understanding of the Word of God? Jesus taught that the Old Covenant was incomplete and passing away; and that He Himself was the fulfillment and perfect completion of its intent...its heart. The letter of the Law was only a shadow of that which was to be in Himself and His New Covenant.

16) "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath days (i.e. Fri., Sat, or Sun): 17) which are a <u>shadow</u> (outline, rough idea, draft, framework, form, review, main point and/or profile) of things to come (i.e. New Covenant/Jesus); but the body is of Christ." (Colossians 2:16-17)

"For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect." (Hebrews 10:1)

3) "For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders... 5) Then the Pharisees and scribes ask him (Jesus), why walk not after the disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands? 6) He answered and said unto them, well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, this people honoreth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. 7) Howbeit, in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men? 8) Or laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. 9) Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition." (Mark 7:3-9)

Man chooses to practice the old traditions in false piety, devoutness, and perceived holiness failing to notice the fulfillment of all Scripture is in Jesus and how the application of a better way was lived out by Jesus. He presented God's <u>original worth of women</u> in Scripture to the world.

"But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away." (1 Corinthians 13:10)

Just how did Jesus fulfill all things pertaining to the Law in Himself? Jesus became the curse that was pronounced on all men and women in the Garden. When mankind fell, a judgment was also announced. Men toiled, women labored...all were in pain under this condemnation with no appeal in sight! But Jesus! But Jesus came to remove that curse from us through His death on the cross! He lived His earthly life obeying the letter of the Law but also practiced the intent of the Law teaching us this better way recorded for us in Scripture. When He was crucified, Scripture teaches us that He became sin so that we could become the righteousness of God in Him!

Jesus bridged the gap between God and man by His holy sacrifice and shed blood taking away that original sin. The prince of this world (Lucifer, etc.) tries to keep deceiving mankind to continue in the doctrines and traditions of stinking thinking. By not rightly DIVIDING the Truth (that there is a significant difference between what was taught in the OT and what is taught in the NT) many stay stuck in ignorance!

10) "Then the Jews said to the (one) having been healed, It is a Sabbath; it is <u>not lawful</u> for you to take up the cot...16) And because of this, the Jews persecuted Jesus and sought to kill Him, because He did these things on a Sabbath...42) but I (Jesus) have known you, that you do not have the love of God in yourselves." (John 5:10-42)

These Jews kept the law and traditions, but did not love God from the heart. We are to love the Lord God first which is stated in the 10 Commandments. How can we do this if we are still trapped in old ways of thinking? We must first see that finished work of Christ on the cross! That is the strongest definition of love I know! We must see and embrace that love He has for us and then it becomes easy to love Him with all that we are. We want to love Him! With our focus on Jesus, Truth about what is taught comes into clearer focus for us.

Christ came and shook the world of the religious establishment of His day. Christ broke the Sabbath by healing people (the intent in the Law being love and mercy). He broke many other taboos as well and sharply rebuked the religious because of their legalistic way of life, customs, and understandings of the Law!

God does care about keeping the Sabbath because it <u>points us to Him</u>; and by celebrating the Sabbath with a true resting in Him, we acknowledge Him to the world, and to ourselves. These feasts or celebrations taught in Scripture and practiced around the world do not save us nor are necessary to keep, but if understood properly, can teach us more about Jesus and how only faith in Him saves us, He who is the perfect sacrificial Lamb slain upon the cross.

So a correct New Covenant understanding of how a woman is vital to man's protection from all enemies without and from within is paramount. Woman is vital to the undertakings in a society,

she is a voice that should be heard as an equal, and not relegated to the shadows voicing softly an opinion that will never be heard by any mover and shaker.

Woman is man's spiritual compass, and acts like Jesus in protecting her spouse and family. If you take a trip into the wilderness and forget your compass, you will probably get lost! She is the one who helps you find your way-- N, S, E, and W like a compass, and together you find your way back to the narrow path. She is what makes you, as a man, whole and one in the flesh. She is considered a deliverer like Christ. She is doing what she was created by God to do. Woman is the second in command, a colonel or sergeant in the Army of God if you will, while you are the general in an earthly sense, and together you are an "Army of One."

Jesus is at the headship of marriages, and He is Lord of all. Man is not a dictator and neither is the woman a dictator over a man. She may look like a goddess to you but she should never be worshiped as a goddess. There are a lot of female worshiping religions out there but they are not Scriptural.

"Beware lest any man spoil you through <u>philosophy</u> (viewpoint, way of life, or values) and vain deceit (valueless, useless deception), after the tradition of men, after the <u>rudiments</u> (fundamentals, ground rules, or nuts and bolts) of the world, and not after Christ." (Colossians 2:8)

Colossians 2:8 is God's viewpoint of man's traditions which are valueless, and deceitful... these original ground rules have been practiced but they are useless. We are to pattern our traditions after Jesus Christ and not the world.

A woman also acts like <u>a watchman:</u> like a security guard, she is on the look-out to warn of Satan, and his armies' approach. This watch-woman warns her family and even the church of other believers who are not walking according to Scripture, but to the beat of their own drum.

Both male and female are given the job of watchman, but the women is designed to discern God's will in matters such as business alliances, future events, proceedings, actions needed, family issues, or potential problems that may arise with decisions that need to be made.

Being the keeper of her home, she has kingdom assignments of which men should be supportive. The gospel preached and souls being saved are what all this is about.

As keepers of the home, women (according to Proverbs 31) were independent and considered buying land without the help of a man. She provided for the home without the man questioning the how's, what's, or whys. Women! This is important to remember when reading Proverbs 31...this is not a "to do or to be" list that will bring you under condemnation if you fail to meet the "criteria" listed for the perfect woman. This is statement-in-fact, that you are already a Proverbs 31 woman! In Christ and under the New Covenant, you are already that ideal woman! No condemnation allowed when reading Proverbs 31, only illumination into who you already are!

In Mark 7:7-9 the <u>religious leaders and teachers</u> of the Law wanted to condemn the disciples for not following the traditions of the elders. Jesus called them <u>hypocrites</u> because they honored God with lip service and their hearts were far from Him. Jesus said that their worship of God was worthless because they were teaching no more than <u>mere rules and traditions of men</u>. They let go of God's intentions of kindness to observe their own regulations.

Jesus said, "You nullify (invalidate, abolish, and cancel out) the Word of God by your traditions that you have handed down, and you do many things like that."

Teachings by Jesus that were taught by the apostles and brethren in the early church were the traditions to hold to...the ones that were brought by the New Covenant under grace. He said to hold fast to these!

"Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle (letter-correspondence)." (2 Thessalonians 2:15)

Man is considered to be the head of the family with more weighted responsibility to make sure that the family unit is protected; not only that, but that the family unit is holy, happy, and mutually subjective in all things.

A woman who is making valid decisions for her family is hopefully supported by her husband who trusts her to never willingly make a foolish decision. Women and men must share a relationship of trust, mutual respect, and honor. This satisfies the need to feel of value, worth, and dignity.

Kingdom assignments are given to husbands and wives within a family or household unit. Assignments from God deserve full attention and devotion by both parties. Ones' assignment is not more important than the other if both are equally important in God's eyes.

Christian books, churches, and many Christians teach that women are responsible for the conduct of their husbands...AS IF they are the head of the house (but not really). This horse and pony show allows a man to stay immature and self-centered with the option to blame the woman's behaviors or lack thereof, speech or anything else as an excuse for his poor behavior. Yet it is still taught that he is the head of the house but not responsible to God because his woman was bad.

He believes wrong ideas about the relationship. Is she really a nag or a b...h? Based on previous society opinions especially seen on TV shows, she is, but is that God's opinion? Granted, most women are valiant champions at keeping their marriages together just on their hard work alone, but over time much resentment builds, and they are left feeling that there is something quite wrong.

Is God's intention for his people to have only part of them to do battle, or only half of their army to fight the enemy? He intended for us to be "One" in all things, to both protect, and defend. God intended for men and women to hold the other accountable; and to worship Him in unity. That was his original plan from the beginning.

You may choose to say to your man (humbly), "Dear, you are the responsible party for this family and our relationship. You determine whether this marriage survives or not. Sweetheart, God will hold you accountable for the success or failure of our marriage as head of the family. I can only do so much as the more fragile vessel, but it is you who must lead like Christ. I too will lead, but since we are married, you are designated head."

Remember daughter of the King that you are every bit as accountable as well to God, but there must be someone who is head, and ultimately, he will answer to God as the head when he is not being a godly man.

Women, just as men should address each other in a soft, upright, and godly manner like Christ when the other is not acting biblically. Each has to stop blaming the other in bitterness or anger, but strive to find a solution to frustrations, problems, and sin issues that each has individually to overcome. God is watching how you handle matters. Others are watching us as well, so let's strive to not be a stumbling block to those who are coming to salvation.

Therefore, by fear and trembling, we work on ourselves.

11) "And [that] every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ [is] Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 12) Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." (Philippians 2:11)

We who are His people, who call ourselves Christian, are living as hypocrites by choosing to not honor all the Truth in Scripture. Christians do not live as they should and their walk does not line up with the Word of God. Deception has become the costume, garment, and clothing of the day.

"But Aaron obeyed not, neither inclined his ear, but made his neck stiff [obstinate], that he might not hear, nor receive instruction." (Jeremiah 17:23) Don't let this be you!

Please hear this new discovery, pray for God's insight, and seek this valuable truth. Do not continue practicing the traditions of men. Free yourself from the bondage of traditions not of God. Allow your wife and girl to be all that God created her to be. She is your "Help Meet"-God's secret weapon.

The Church, men, and even our pastors have knowingly and unknowingly left out the whole counsel of God, and would rather live the traditions of men then examine the Word of God more deeply because they are lazy or prefer the status quo. Even in the legal system we have today, we should follow the intent of the law even if we can't always obey the letter of the law. We should not always do the socially accepted thing, play the game, and agree to something in opposition to the New Covenant brought to us by Jesus.

Ask yourselves what is the intent of Scripture regarding women under grace and the New Covenant? Each adult passes down what they learned growing up to their children. Make sure you are not the ignorant leading the way to error for the next generation.

Why is it that in many third world and Muslim countries men treat women as more or less worse than a cockroach? She has been beaten, has had parts of her body cut off, acid thrown on her face or has been killed. It is my belief that this is not just a Muslim thing or a third world thing but a pagan Satan thing. The adversary enjoys that women are treated this way and has won a battle that many did not know they were even fighting.

Women are so esteemed in God's arsenal that Satan works very hard to find ways to incapacitate her. In fact, in the beginning creation of God, when she was created from the side of man, one could say she was the "piéce de résistance!" While men continue to treat God's creation with disrespect, God is trying to get our attention. "Hey! Do you not notice how I am partnering with this woman? Can you not see how she understands the deeper things of Scripture? Wake-up and take blinders off your eyes, and the mufflers off your ears!"

Jesus Christ let women discover Him raised from the dead; and had them tell the men. Of course the males did not believe them and had to go see for themselves. Usually, women have more faith then men. Jesus revealed this at the tomb.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Brothers and sisters, we are all part of the family of God, and in reality if we, in the blood-bought family have an unbelieving member, and if they do not find salvation in Jesus because of our bad examples, they will not be a part of the body of Christ and we will not be with them in eternity. Husbands, wives, and children are included in those who are influenced by what they see Christians practicing privately and in public. This is the harsh reality in which we live.

Our <u>true brothers and sisters</u> are those who are in the Lord Jesus. God sees us as parts of His Body, Tabernacle, and Temple. God does not see us as boyfriend or girlfriend, father and mother, or family units, but as His people individually making up the whole of His Temple and Body.

"<u>Do not rebuke</u> an older man but encourage him as you would a father, younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity." (1 Timothy 5:1-2)

"For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." (Matthew 12:50)

Brothers and sisters we are saved by grace, and we are to keep the commandment that Jesus taught...to love God and to love one another. In God's eyes, we are not seen as a color, denomination, Jew, Greek, woman or man, but as one in Jesus Christ. We are all His bride. Unfortunately women were not allowed by men to be in the same room with them for worship under the OT. I don't believe this was God's idea back then nor is it His idea now. Jesus made it clear through the apostles that women were to be a part of His ministry, etc.

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave, nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:28)

Woman is man's sister in the Lord deserving of special treatment. They are fellow workers in the field and in the harvest of souls. Do you treat other women in the church with courtesy? Give the same respect to the woman in your life.

Woman, see you as filled with God's power to effect the harvesting of souls, fighting alongside men in the war against the flesh. Admonish, rebuke, and exhort a brother or another woman in the Lord if they are behaving un-towardly to you or others. Of course, our Lord and Savior Jesus would never want us to be bold in an arrogant way when confronting others with wrong-doing, but we should be acting lovingly in a righteous and appropriate anger, if necessary!

"So we, though many, are <u>one body in Christ</u>, and individually members one of another." (Romans 12:5)

"Wherefore now let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take heed and do it: for there is no iniquity with the LORD our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts." (2 Chronicles 19:7)

"For there is no respect (distinguishing, discriminate, categorize, classify, show prejudice, favor, single out, differentiate, tell between) of persons with God." (Romans 2:11)

Women and men are responsible for their walk, development, growth, and behavior as individuals; but according to Scripture, the man is responsible to present his wife and himself before God as one without blemish, which means in sexual purity, in holiness and as close to perfection as possible.

We see this spelled out clearly in Ephesians 5:22-25:

"Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 for the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. 24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. 28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. 29 for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church."

How does a man accomplish this? Certainly not by force, but by how Jesus does it: by using free will, LOVE, long-suffering, mercy, being a servant to her, and giving her honor and respect as a fellow laborer, sister and Godly friend. A woman needs to study the Word on her own, so she does not become striving, unfeeling, and hardhearted. She is to learn to be single-minded with her husband in works, in grace, and holy as God is holy. We see in Scripture that women have healed and will heal the sick, have prophesied and will prophesy, have led armies and will lead armies, and have made decisions and will make decisions like Esther who saved a nation.

This is one of the reasons you should not be unequally yoked with an unbeliever. How on earth do you present yourself as complete, holy and perfected if your significant other is not?

Potentially her lack of holiness is derived right from you who have behaved unbecoming towards her and she has responded back? If you are unequally yoked to an unbeliever, he/she will have no understanding of the Scriptures, and may have no intention of placing value or honor on you. If you are already married to an unbeliever you can share with him or her the Truth, and live your life as the Word says.

Hopefully, they will see this and learn to trust Jesus as you did. It is important to remember that every decision you make must be made in prayer. Wait to hear from God and get it right the first time! If you are not sure, you've prayed, and waited for an answer, but it does not seem to be obvious, go forward continuing to seek Jesus will, and Jesus will guide your steps.

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion (i.e. fellowship, unity, empathy, relationship or association) hath light with darkness?" (2 Corinthians 6:14)

If it is too late and you married an unbeliever, or became a believer during marriage then this will be even harder, but God knows that through prayer, trust and Jesus help, you may one day find the unity and fellowship becoming a reality in your spouse. Remember that prayer is the most powerful weapon in one's arsenal influencing a person's life and will result in the realization and completion of an unbeliever into a believer in YAHWEH.

But as history has testified, even a believing man may tell a woman to "get in her place and stay there!" We know this is nor respectful, arrogant, and ignorant. Since the woman is equal in the eyes of Jesus the Lord God; then as a sister towards a fellow believer, she is to correct the man by teaching him humbly, that he must know his place in God's kingdom as well. He who would be first must be also being last.

If a believer or an unbeliever male uses the Bible's words on submission to "put a woman in her place"...ask him where did the idea of submission come from? Why would he from the Bible what suited his prideful purpose and then ignore the rest of the teaching?

Submission is a wonderful concept of God, humbling, and we see it in the person of Jesus as He submitted Himself to the will of the Father obedient all the way to the cross. This idea of submitting should be used for each of us to submit to one another in love. Stand firm on the truth in all things, especially truth behind submitting. Also, pray that he recognizes the truth in this and is willing to receive correction as a brother, and instruction from God as to this truth.

People must be challenged to see women as Jesus saw them, and then treat them as Jesus would if He were married to your woman.

"Having abolished in his flesh the <u>enmity</u>, <u>hostility</u>, <u>and antagonism (rivalry, animosity and bitterness)</u>, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in Himself of <u>twain one new man</u>, so making peace; 16) And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: 17) And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh...19) Now therefore ye are no more strangers and

foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;" (Ephesians 2:15-19)

In the preceding passage we see that a man is to reconcile himself and his woman to God as fellow citizens eliminating the <u>enmity</u> which causes opposition, conflicts and jealousy. This intolerable rivalry and competition between man and woman must end, because it is offensive, upsetting, objectionable, and unbearable to each of us! This mean-spiritedness and unkindness is more than one can bear. We must instead preach and encourage peace and common purpose. This applies to anyone who has any type of prejudice towards another. The Body of Christ strives to become one in mind, heart, and attitude.

"Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, <u>all</u> of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble." (1 PETER 5:5)

The opposite of <u>enmity</u> is cooperation, teamwork, collaboration, and mutual aid! Don't you just love those words? Lots of purposes could be accomplished using and implementing those words!

Peter, in the passage above begins by teaching the younger men to be in humility before the older men of the church but Peter also continues on in this manner...

"...ALL OF YOU (by every means, daily, increasingly, and eternally) BE SUBJECT (spontaneous, to be under obedience, put under, and submit yourself unto) ONE TO ANOTHER (in a relationship...simultaneously each other, mutual, your selves, together subdue yourself) AND BE CLOTHED WITH (to gird; to engirdle/expand oneself [for labor], the apron being a badge of servitude to wear in token of mutual esteem, regard, reverence, and access so be clothed with) HUMILITY (humiliation of mind, in modesty, humility [of mind], maturity [of mind]). FOR GOD (the supreme officer of the state and official entrusted with administration of the laws) RESISTS, (opposes) THE PROUD (who come across as if above others, noticeably and haughty, snooty, arrogant, high and mighty [narcissistic]; who act overconfident, self-important or proud, egotistical and self-centered).

BUT GOD GIVES (bestows, consecrates, blesses, sanctifies, and entrusts the humble to minister, to have power, and lay down of their arms [i.e. stop warring]) GRACE (the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life; including gratitude: acceptable, favour, gracious, polite, joyful, good company, friendly, bigheartedness, welcoming, hospitable, and warm) TO THE HUMBLE (meek, modest, respectful, of low degree, gentle, and submissive)."(I Peter 5:5-6)

Jesus is the perfect picture of one who gave up all by submitting to the world and living life like a mere mortal man who gave up His familiar heavenly comforts. He ate our earthly food, slept on cattle straw, walked many miles with dirt caking His feet, slept in places with no pillows, subjected Him to verbal and physical abuse; and ultimately subjected Himself to death. His was a greater purpose and in joint submissive union with Father God and Holy Spirit accomplished through submission that ultimate cosmic purpose of salvation to anyone who would receive!

Is it too much to ask yourself if you are willing to suffer cold or hot temperatures when your spouse or friend or stranger changes the temperature inside a car you are in? Would you allow the other that comfort? Are you willing to offer the last yummy morsel of something you really love to another? Our attitudes towards each other should be that of a servant who is willing to wash the feet of others...to make another comfortable. Jesus washed smelly feet and prepared breakfast for the disciples to eat after fishing all night. He kept silent when the rulers of the day accused Him of being a blasphemer because he alluded to being God. He could have brought down the rocks and shaken the earth, struck them with lightening and called for thousands of angels, but He did not...He kept silent, obedient unto death.

This man Christ risked His reputation for an adulterous woman. He chose to not embarrass her publicly exposing her sin and shame; but He offered her no condemnation and a chance of a new life! A husband should want to know what is important to his wife and try to meet those needs within the boundaries of lovely godliness.

A husband should not place the desires of his wife as last priority. She should not be waiting on him to fix things around the house (unless \$\$ has to be earned and saved for a project). The children should not have to vie for his attention. Work is important to support a family but his first priority should always be to spend time with God and then attend to his family's needs.

He is willing to die to self desires; and to be willing to being mocked by co-workers for going home after work instead of out to a bar with them. He should not be grudging of sharing his income with his wife, so she has enough to purchase things for the home/family, and she should never have to beg for money or be in fear of reprisal. Man trusts her to be wise with the money as she trusts him to share. God commands a man to love his wife and to deny himself so as to carry his cross. Women respect that! Pray for each other and practice unity!

"Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends. (Like Jesus did)" (John 15:13)

This is not just dying physically, but living selflessly!

Neither should act like the other owes them something. Each should get what they need physically and spiritually from the other. Mutually equal (not percentages 50/50, but 100/100, and sometimes 90/10 if that) in the eyes of God submitting to each other at all times, and never taking advantage of a more willing submissive significant other. Remember, your spouse is your cohort, co-worker and team member.

Because we live in a fallen world, and our sinful nature strives against who we really are, we must let GRACE and MERCY RULE every day. We were created with dignity, esteem and value; but that identity was stolen from us in Eden. Jesus died to restore to us what we had lost.

Let us esteem each other as valuable; practice giving credit and honor to each other. Let us give Jesus Christ all the glory for who He was and what He did for us His bride!

Jesus would never behave unruly, boisterous, aggressive, or impossible towards a woman. If there is rebuke needed, He is always gentle, loving, and full of grace. If your wife is rebelling and sinning you can win her back by practicing love and grace towards her, and remembering she is your sister in Christ. You represent the bridegroom Christ to her.

Women, you can show respect, *approval*, and appreciation towards the men; you can also admonish and rebuke him when he needs it, as his sister in the Lord, or because you are his spouse; for we all are accountable for our own salvation to God first, and then each to the other. Do not cause another to stumble by your unbecoming behavior. Obviously, man or woman would not tempt, challenge or be disrespectful to Jesus; so because of this, use His example of how we are to behave to each other.

Continuing on in Ephesians 5, God is speaking not only to the husband and wife, but also to the Church. This is about the body of believers and the union of the marriage to Christ. We are "one" in God's eyes. If the man will be like Christ in the marriage, then his family will not have any spot, wrinkle, nor moral sexual blemish before God. How can a man lead if he has nothing to do with God, or does not put into practice all that is in the Scriptures?

"So ought men to love their wives as their own (themselves) bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself (is devoted, cares for, adores, has friendship, lavishes, and respects, reverences and loves). 29) For no man ever yet hated (found disgusting, obnoxious, unpleasant, distasteful, or found himself crass, foul, uncivilized, blatant, unashamed, brazen or unclear) his own flesh; but nourisheth (reassure, cultivate, support, encourage), and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church (you and I): 30) For we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones (Christ's body). 31) For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined/cleave unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. 32) This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. 33) Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love (to approve of, like, treat affectionately, or kindly, welcome, befriend, kiss) his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband." (Ephesians 5:28-33)

Men need reverence (fear in a subjective sense), and a wife needs love. Each of you leaves your birth families; and follows hard the other.

Brothers, your wife is there as your protection, your deliverer from your enemies. She is from the sanctuary of God's Holy Hill--Zion. Sisters are compared to the Lord as man's shield (of faith) that you should trust. She is to be a <u>watchman</u> for you and warn you of dangers and problems; and be an adviser in spiritual and other matters.

WATCHMAN – A Guard, to patrol or guard a building or an area while building as Temple/Vessel/your body and Church of believers. Here is an example in Scripture of a woman who protected her man from dying...

In Exodus 4: 24-26 we read, "Now it came about at the lodging place on the way that the Lord met him and sought to put him to death. Then Zipporah took a flint and cut off her son's foreskin and threw it at Moses' feet, and she said, 'You are indeed a bridegroom of blood to me.' so He let him alone...with reference to the circumcision." Zipporah discerned fairly rapidly what was about to go down and she was not about to let her man get in the way of God's calling on his life. Just prior in the chapter, Moses had been called to bring God's chosen people...His first born so to speak...out of Egypt. Moses had not at this time made sure his own flesh and blood was called out and unto the Lord. Zipporah understood clearly what needed to be done and not only did the right thing by bloodying her hands to circumcise her own son, but also rescued her husband from certain death!

YOUR WOMAN/Co-Worker will have insight that you may not have and advice that you may need. She is like the guard at the gate that only lets in friends! She has discernment in matters wherein you may be oblivious. She sees what you do not and she understands what you do not. She is to be an officer in your army. We see a wonderful example of this in Rahab who protected the spies from being attacked and killed.

Sister/woman is to be a brother/man's well-being, comfort, safety (multi-faceted), happiness, and to be of high quality for you and your family. In general, the attributes that God gave the women (your HALF-part) are the very attributes men are missing. You may have some part or trace of these attributes, but she was given a special measure to complete you, which is also able to fill the gaps in the work environment.

WELFARE – Safety, well-being, interests, security, shelter, protection, precautions, safekeeping, care, charge, custody, and in safe hands.

One of the reasons why a man may not really understand a woman is because those parts you do not have, she does. This works both ways women! You don't always understand men either because you don't have what he has. We work together to be made whole and complete.

"ONE" in Christ, Christ in God, all in all, we are one Body in spirit and flesh in Christ. A house divided cannot stand. When all the pieces of the family, husband and wife are functioning together properly, it forms a cohesive unit, operating for the benefit of each other, protecting, defending each other as ONE, and valuing each others' gifts, duties, and discernments.

In God's eyes, if you are just boyfriend and girlfriend, you should remain virgins. Consummation of the sex act begins to build a union. It is the beginning of a covenant relationship with each other and with God. If you have compromised in this area already, go before God, repent and renew your hearts before Him. Covenant anew with Him to remain pure till marriage. Jesus is the One who washes white as snow and cleanses from sin.

SUBMIT ONE TO ANOTHER

Submit to each other and submit to God, and to all that is righteous and holy. Now remember God's laws are to be kept over the whims and desires of anyone, and no government can legislate God out of your life...only you can do that.

If man's laws do not reflect God's laws then you are not obligated to keep them. You may find yourself tangled up in persecution; but just as Rehab hid the spies and it was counted as righteousness to her, so too are God's people who seek that which is holy and right according to God.

We cannot take the Scriptures we like and discard the rest. Submission in the Bible is only a part of what God wants from each of us. So read it all, and study so you can be sure you are practicing true submission.

"Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; 2) And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor. 3) But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becomes saints; (just as important as submission) 4) Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting (i.e. just kidding, {see below}), which are not suitable, correct, or proper: but rather giving of thanks. 5) This ye know, that no *whoremonger, nor *unclean person, nor *covetous man, who is an *idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. 6) Let no man deceive you with vain (empty/meaningless) words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. (Ephesians 5:2-6) (*Frequents prostitutes, wanting something that someone else has, like money, someone who shows excessive admiration or love for somebody or something)

<u>JESTING</u>: Something done or said in a playful manner, foolish talking or ridicule, lacking importance, vain, filthiness (disgustingly dirty, morally obscene, or objectionable, obnoxious, or disagreeable, and the telling of dirty jokes).

"Be not ye therefore partakers with them. (Do not do, as others do, be separated out/lead) 8) for ye were sometimes in darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: 9) (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) 10) proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. 11) And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. 12) For it is a shame even to speak of those things, which are done of them in secret. 13) But all things that are reproved are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. (Light is truth, Christ in us, and we are the Light as well) 14) wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light (understanding). 15) See then that ye walk circumspectly (cautiously, vigilantly, and observantly) not as fools (victim, deluded and deceived), but as wise...17) wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. 18) And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit...21) Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. 22) Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. (All things are done as unto

the LORD.) 23) For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and He is the Savior of the body. (Savior of the whole/church/body) 25) Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26) that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word, 27) That He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." (Ephesians 5:7-27)

<u>SUBJECT</u> (Strong'sG5021) in 1 Peter 5 means submit one to another, place in a certain order, to arrange, to assign a place, to appoint one's own responsibility or authority, to appoint, ordain, mutually agree.

This word was a Greek is a military term meaning "to arrange [troop divisions] in a military fashion under the command of a leader." In non-military use, it was "a voluntary attitude of giving in, cooperating, assuming responsibility, and carrying a burden."

CHAPTER 4

HOW SHOULD MEN RULE

Scripture refers to the woman under the curse of sin and that woman was not free as she had been before in the Garden of Eden. Because of her sin and Adam's sin, in the eyes of a mandriven world, woman was to be under the husband and not esteemed equal until Christ died on the cross where the curse was lifted. The curse of sin was voided to those who believed in the cross and Jesus as their Messiah (Christ) the Savior.

"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 <u>rule over (i.e. as in lead) thee.</u>" (Genesis 3:16)

Rule here is the same below in II Samuel 23:3. The word "ruleth" found in Samuel is a person who MUST BE JUST and rules in the fear of the Lord. He is an umpire to lead or go before, to nourish, cherish, give aid, care for, preside over, accompanying, and tending to the flock; and seeing to the needs of the wife, to make rest, place and position yourself before God's dominion and reign; to rule over anything. In a bad sense a ruler is a "tyrant."

Rule: From (Strong's G757) in Mark 10:42 it is the first to do anything, to begin, leader, chief, to teach, the initial stage. From (Strong's G4291) in I Timothy 3:5 it is to set over, protector, and guardian, give aid, and give attention. Roots: (1) to make firm (unyielding, fixed, determined, and unchangeable [probably in purpose, relationship, and faith]), to establish, and keep intact, (2) foundation (solid) of a bldg; to stand by or before another who follows.

"The God of Israel said, the <u>Rock</u> (CHRIST) of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over men [must be] *just, ruling in the fear of God." (2 Samuel 23:3) *JUST – fair, impartial, morally right, in a small degree, correct, simply, barely (hardly, carefully, attentively, with care, and not condescending, arrogant, or superior, etc).

Even though throughout the Scripture God promoted women as leaders and prophetesses it was not widely accepted, traditional, or the norm. A woman was not the usual prophet or leader of armies...but at least in the Bible there are a few examples.

In the New Testament, you find that Jesus brought with him the idea that the law was the school master to teach fundamental basics, etc. Jesus came with a new plan under grace where women would be teachers, deaconesses, disciples, and apostles alongside the original first twelve.

Jesus came to set the captives free, and give peace to the inward man or woman, and to make kings and priests of them...calling women and men--saints and friends.

Are you both truly free? Would we see something different behind closed doors? Would we see authentic New Testament Christian living? When the outside world sees the upstanding citizen, but the phony sinner behind those closed doors of one's castle does not behave towards his/her family as Jesus would, this is not the Truth of New Testament understanding being lived. It is hypocrisy.

God knew that man would tend to be proud and disloyal like Satan; therefore, He took part of man and made women to make him whole and complete. This would help to keep man from exalting himself above God (and others), or to be worshiped like God. There is nothing like a woman to let a man know where he stands! We were designed to keep you humble! Today, we see men (and a few women) who are not satisfied with where they abide but war on other nations and peoples to usurp their lands. This gets into a whole other area that concerns the fallen host and what they have done and continue to do today...but that is in another e-book I have previously written that discusses passages like Ezekiel 28:12-19 and Isaiah 14:11-13.

What is the correct way to rule another?

"The God of Israel said, the Rock (CHRIST) of Israel spake to me, He that <u>ruleth</u> over men [must be] *just, ruling in the fear of God." (2 Samuel 23:3)

*JUST – Fair, impartial, morally right, in a small (minor, trivial, insignificant, and miniature) degree, correctly, and not condescending, arrogant, superior, or higher, and rule women with the knowledge that they are a weaker (more fragile in strength-not expecting them to be the man physically) vessel.

If you are faithful to rule over a few things such as your home, employees, and family, then God will make you ruler over many things one day (i.e. the earth, nations and people). If you cannot rule your household faithfully like the Word of God teaches, how can He make you ruler over governments, nations or people during the Millennium? (1 Timothy 3:4-6, Matthew 25:21-23)

RULE: (Strong's H4910) O.T. MASHAL-- reign, have dominion, rule over. RULE: (Strong's G4165) N.T.--to feed the flock, tend the sheep, furnish pastures for food, nourish, cherish one's body, and serve one's body (together as one). ROOT: Shepherd, he to whose care and control others have committed themselves, and whose precepts they follow. To protect!

Consider this—God says that He makes us kings and priests, and this is men and women who will rule with Jesus in His Kingdom here on earth. Women, you will rule! So how should you rule?

"And thou Bethlehem ... for out of thee shall come a Governor (i.e. Jesus), that shall <u>rule</u> or shepherd my people Israel." (Matthew 2:6)

This passage is speaking of a Shepherd who will someday care for His sheep, and who will one day rule His people in the land of Israel. We know this person as Jesus. We must rule like Him in godliness and righteousness.

Therefore, if we apply this towards how men should rule women we understand what that might look like in practice because we know the kind of Man and Leader Jesus was. How would Jesus treat His woman if He were to have a physical bride? Just as Christ gives Himself up for the bride, He is also her covering and protector; He washes her feet, which means He is humble towards her, and He does not consider her inferior to men but equal to men.

In these verses below let's look at them for further clarification...

"These (women and men) all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren." (Act 1:14)

"But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women." (Act 8:12)

Both men and women were assembled, at the same time, in sacrifice of praise, passion, and in one mind worshiping Jesus. (Act 12:12)

"The women brought the spices to anoint Christ body," (Mark 16:1)

Why not men? Perhaps these women were more spiritually in tune with how holy Jesus was, so He gave them the opportunity to serve Him in a more personal and intimate way and to ultimately see Him raised from the dead first.

In John 20:16 Mary Magdalene called Jesus Master. When we think of the word master, we think of slaves and whips, but this was not the thinking in Mary's mind because there was no fear in her of Him, but only love and respect. At another time she was a messenger to the other believers and explained that Jesus had spoken things to her to relay to the other followers and apostles. This was not the normal duty of a woman back in that day.

This SECRET WEAPON given to men by God is for the battle against the mind, the flesh, and the spirit. If you ignore her then the devil has been successful in his war campaign against you. He has weakened your defenses and he is now in a position to defeat you.

The enemy knows how important it is to keep you both feeling needy and unaware of your strength in union; so in order to be wholly effective against the enemy Satan (who will fight you with the traditions of men, deception, all forms of lies, and anything else he can use to stop you from knowing this), it is of the utmost import to learn the truths God has given to your union and practice these truths with each other so you are both whole for His work, war, and assignments.

You must fight evil with TRUTH...the whole council of God; because in the latter days (which we are in), knowledge will increase and indeed is now: books are being opened and secrets are being revealed. We have at our fingertips literally, the ability to research the words and letters themselves to get deeper meaning.

Man, you must rule in the fear of the Lord, and be in knowledge about your woman. Be obedient to Scripture and not just with the parts that are easy or likeable. All Scripture!

Because there are many homes without a male in them for one reason or another it is imperative that you single women rule your homes biblically well also. You may have young male and female leaders in training watching you!

In addition, men wake up! Beware the devil who is trying to put thoughts or pictures into your head that are not in line with Scripture. Take every thought captive to the obedience of Jesus Christ. Say those words!

DICTATOR OR HEAD OF GOD'S ARMY

"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. 23) For the husbands are the head (covering/protection) of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church (all believers): and He is the <u>SAVIOR</u> of the body (individuals that make up the body of Christ, or the body of believers and not a church), of your (union/marriage)." (Ephesians 5:22-23)

Remember we are the Church and Temple of God. Our bodies are where God's Spirit dwells and He does not dwell in churches made with the hands of man.

God has written His laws into the minds and hearts of every believer. As head in hierarchy woman needs only the Lord Jesus as teacher.

<u>Submit</u> means to arrange in military fashion as in authority not in slavery, mutual submission as well; one is President and one is Vice President, one is Captain and the other is Lieutenant: both have a say and both have authority.

Mutual submission is bringing oneself to the other humbly and not acting as a dictator who rules supremely over another leaving no room for questions and in no need of the council of others.

Just think how deceptive (devilish) this is and how it allows a man, woman or leader to think sinful, wicked and unjust thoughts about themselves and others...puffed up, nose and chest up and out (i.e. arrogant, self-centered, and prideful).

Learn to trust and to listen to each other, making decisions as a unit. Talking, listening intently, discerning, and making a stand, or standing down...both must do this for there are no percentages of 50/50 or 60/40-- it is 100% in the fear of the LORD in which we operate towards each other.

What is your motive for wanting something your way? If Jesus Christ (i.e. God in the flesh) gave <u>Himself</u> up for the Church—so too the man should give up his rights to have things his way, or to think more highly of himself then he ought.

Giving up your desires, wants, or needs for the other is sometimes the best for all, and both are to do this because it is not a one-sided submission. When submission is one-sided then you have a dictator and a slave, or servant.

(HEAD- the highest part, the extremity of anything, supreme commander, chief, principal thing, to sum up, to summarize - SAVIOR - preserver, deliverer, Strong's G4982 – to save, keep safe and sound, to rescue from danger or destruction saving one from injury or peril)

With headship and authority comes responsibility. God holds you responsible for the marriage as an officer are responsible for the troops under him. A sergeant under his commanding officer has authority and training as well; he/she can highly disregard, disrespect...or highly value and admire others, his leaders, and God.

With a dictator there is no accountability, no checks and balances. They tell others what to do because they can, and dictators usually command unquestioning obedience from their subjects through threat of severe repercussions or even death. King Henry the VIII was just such a tyrant who was especially tyrannical with all the annulments and executions of his wives!

Men do not abuse your position, thinking no one sees behind the four walls of your so-called kingdom or castle. If the woman stays home and raises the kids, do not lord over her because she seems weaker. No, be humble, washing her feet so to speak, thinking of her more highly than yourself. Never place her in a position where she feels trapped or afraid. What would Jesus do to her?

If a sergeant informs his superior of dangers and problems within the troops, or with a threat from the enemy (i.e. about other women, bad business deals, the children and anything that is potentially threatening), his superior in rank should pay close attention and discuss options for combat together with his sergeant.

You men are in a rank superior to your wife; but Christ is superior over you, and you will answer to Him for you both.

Jesus is not a dictator. He gives you the choice to do this or that, to choose His free gift of life or not. But because He is God, He will judge those choices (which will have been tried in the fire) to see if they are gold, silver, or rubble.

Ephesians 5:24, "Therefore as the church is SUBJECT unto Christ, so let the wives be to (Strong's G1135): virgin, woman of any age, widow, or wife, to arise, become, to appear in history, come upon the stage of miracles to be performed of institution and laws showing the woman as quality, with respect, rank, condition, character to become like men, to be joined to one as an associate their own, (Strong's G2398): those things which one differs from others, his/her nature and personal character, to do one's own business, unassisted by others, which one thinks for themselves, as one's fellow country man and associate of man, to belong to one (Jesus, husband and self) above all others, husbands (Strong's G435): generically of both men and women-with reference to distinguishing sex between the two, where references to either sex are included; (Strong's G444): human beings, people, all human individuals with an earnest, heartfelt, and temperate and clear-headed, unbroken, and perpetual inspection... unsoiled, uncontaminated, and unpolluted, in, by/ with/among, and through yourselves, and one with

another equipped, assisted, men and women going, coming, sailing, flying, leading, carrying, throwing, or sending towards your destination everything (Strong's G3956): individually, each, the whole, everyone, in all things, always, daily, in every manner, in every mode in which virtue, or emotions manifest themselves. (Thayers Greek Lexicon; BlueLetterbible.org)

This is Ephesians 5:24 <u>Summarized from above</u>: "We are to be subject to each other, women have now become an associate to man, and should be equipped and assisting in everything and in every way to the body of believers, husbands and others. Each is distinctive as a man or a woman by their emotions, and ways of doing things. Women should be respected and valued. This is something new, of law, and because of God lifting the curse, women now have a role to play with men in the furtherance of the Gospel as equals, married to one man, and in the work of the Lord, equally like a man, but as a woman."

<u>SUBJECT:</u> (Strong's G5259): under one's roof, covering, in position to something higher (i.e. Jesus Christ).

God says, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it."

<u>LOVE YOUR WIVES:</u> (Strong's G5384): to be friendly to one, wish one well; a) a friend, pal, buddy, ally, colleague, supporter, helper, companion, attendant, devotee, enthusiast, fan, backer, advocate, defender, benefactor, guardian, partner, coworker; b) an associate; c) he who associates familiarly with one, a companion.

Ephesians 5:26-28: "That He (or the husband) might <u>sanctify</u> and <u>cleanse</u> it (her) with the washing of water by the Word, 27) That He (or the husband) might present it (her) to himself a glorious, magnificent, celebrated, church (wife/unit/one) not having spot, or wrinkle, nor a deep moral blemish (in marriage, relationship, or any such thing) but that it (she) should be holy and without blemish. 28) So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth *himself."

*Himself is in the 3rd person like in "yourselves, ourselves, one unit." If man loves himself then he must love his wife accurately according to Scripture and not according to the traditions or emotions of others.

<u>Sanctify:</u> 1) to render or acknowledge, or to be venerable or hallow (show great regard, respect, self-denial, or value and admire) 2) to separate from profane things and dedicate to God-- a) consecrate things to God; b) dedicate people to God; 3) to purify-- a) to cleanse externally; b) to purify by expiation, free from the guilt of sin; c) to purify internally by renewing of the soul.

How can you husbands <u>sanctify</u> and <u>cleanse</u> your bride if you are not cleansed yourself? If you do not know what it is to be dedicated to God then how you can present you, and your wife as "one" cleansed by God's Word before Him if you do not even believe or trust God? Do not call yourself a Christian if you would rather follow the traditions of men, and listen to TV, the radio, or other Christians without researching these things on your own. You will never know if it is

accurate according to God's Word or not if you don't study...you had better seek God's truth in his Word, with prayer and careful consideration.

Do you as a man listen to the advice of a male co-worker? Do you value his opinion? Would you heed his advise where it concerns the business? Of course you should and probably would; but what if that co-worker were a female? Where is your bias then? In Exodus 4 we see Deborah the judge or ruler of Israel being consulted by the sons of Israel. Barak was under her command and followed her orders as having come from the Lord (which they did).

It is fascinating to me that Barak preferred to have Deborah accompany him onto the battlefield even if he lost the honor of triumph to another woman—Jael! A man should consider his wife his co-worker, military companion, police officer, partner, etc. and heed what she advises. Can you LOVE your wife in such a way that you do all the above on her behalf? See your woman as God's Secret Weapon...your Help Meet!

There have been many women who have exhibited leadership in both the Old and New Testaments. When Christ came, He showed the importance of the role of women in His ministry in a world where men were dominant and women were considered less than human. Jesus gave us the example to live by. Christ also showed how the traditions of men were interpreted to suit their own desires. The Scribes and Pharisees did not see things as God did, that healing on the Sabbath was just fine with Him; because according to their perception of the Law, "work" was forbidden. Jesus said in Matthew 12:8, "For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath." This revealed to them that what the Law would not do (save something or someone) Christ could and would and did since He was the ruler or the Law over it!

Since we have a sin nature, we tend to believe our way is best. This is self-deception and/or pride, and this is a monster of the flesh that needs to be slain. We think we are smart, entitled to much more, but are we?

Think differently; humble yourself without having ulterior motives. Be truthful, wanting to be godly, to be an example of holiness without pride.

Would be Dictators, Kings and Lords of their homes and churches, etc. are deceived men who need a brain wash. The hope of all women is that you men will grow in wisdom, and change your stinking thinking!

Study these passages in the Old Testament how God used women in leadership positions like Miriam, the sister of Aaron, who was a prophetess, and one of the three leaders of Israel (Exodus 15:20); and Deborah who was a prophetess and judge; who headed the army of ancient Israel leading the men into battle against their enemies; thus, winning the war. (Judges 4 & 5)

There was also Huldah, a prophetess who verified the authenticity of the "Book of the Law of the Lord given through Moses." (2 Kings 22:14, 2 Chronicles 34:22) These women were not in leadership because "a man would not rise to the occasion," they were appointed by God for just such a time!

Though' speaking out may have been dangerous for these women based on the social traditions of the time; nevertheless, they did it because each knew she was anointed and appointed by God!

The author of Luke referred to a <u>female disciple</u> by her Aramaic name Tabitha, who was also known by her Greek name Dorcas. She was a disciple, an equal to the others working alongside to further the gospel. (Acts 9:36)

Philip the evangelist had four unmarried daughters who were prophetesses. Paul refers to two women, Euodia and Syntyche, as coworkers who were active evangelicals, spreading the gospel. (Acts 21:8: Philippians 4:2)

Paul refers to Phoebe as a minister (diakonos) of the church at Cenchrea. Some translations say deaconess; others try to obscure her position of important by saying it means servant, but SERVANT in the Bible is a reference to God's workers as referenced in Revelation (Priests/144,000); so basically they are the same as "diakonos." (Romans 16:1)

Phoebe means SERVANT in the Greek (Strong's 1249): probably from an obsolete "diako" which is a Christian teacher and priest (technically a deacon or deaconess); minister and servant. SUCCOURER which is "prostatis" in the Greek (Strong's 4368): feminine derivative of a patroness (i.e. saint, heavenly advocate), assistant, associate, chief, and helper. Strong's G4291, 4253 and 2476 are a link to stand before, (in rank) to preside, or (by implication) to practice, maintain, be over, and rule.

As I mentioned earlier, Junia was a highly esteemed apostle alongside Andronicus that Paul mentioned. "Greet Andronicus and Junias (female), and my relatives who have been in prison with me. They are outstanding among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was." (Romans 16:7) It is important to note that Junia was definitely a feminine name here because she was named after the very female Roman goddess Juno. The goddess Juno was known as a protector of the state and in some references as being a rejuvenator or as one being very fertile...that which produces. It is no accident that we see Junia named here as a highly esteemed apostle because she, as a Christian woman, would protect her own beliefs in Christ, protect the beliefs of other believers and she would reproduce by evangelizing. She would preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and rejuvenate dead subjects of Satan to the new and living Christ!

Quote from "What Paul Really Said About Women" by John Temple Bristow:

"Because the two names 'Andronicus and Junias' are in the accusative form (that is, they are recipients of the verb 'greet'), the second name appears as Junias, which is the accusative form of the feminine name Junia." (She's a FEMALE, fellas!) "...Notable or outstanding among the (2) 'apostles.'"

"Apostolos" in the Greek from Strong's 652 and from 649 is a delegate; specially an ambassador of the Gospel; officially a commissioner of Christ ["apostle"] (with miraculous powers): apostle, messenger, one that is sent."

Paul also refers to Priscilla as another of his fellow workers in Christ Jesus. "Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus: Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. Likewise, greet the church that is in their house. Salute my well beloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ." (Romans 16:3-5)

"Priscilla" from (Strong's G4252; 4251): a Christian woman. "Helpers" from (Strong's G4904 from a compound of G4862 and 2041): a co-laborer, companion in labour, (fellow) labourer, and who joins with others in an endeavor, commission and duty. Other translations refer to her as a "co-worker," and in another as a helper (i.e. priest-like Christ). The original Greek word for co-worker is "synergoi," which literally means "fellow worker" or "colleague"-- an equal.

So now that you have learned about help or helpmeet you can no longer be associating women with "doing the dishes."

The Head and Chief of a hierarchy in God's kingdom sometimes refer to angels. Jesus is called Chief in the Scriptures. Women were also head and first in many leadership positions, but in the collective, were kept subservient and unequal by the traditions of man. Satan and his demons used fleshly agents such as Sadducees and Pharisees to deceive proud leaders and men to demean women and treat them unequally.

Dictators and tyrants oppose freewill, Jesus lets us choose. Men have freewill to give women a place of importance or they can choose to be a dictator.

Dictators and tyrants are demanding, controlling, strict, rigid, undemocratic, repressive, overbearing, domineering, bossy, over-assertive, overriding, prevailing, powerful, and convincing thru sometimes forceful, intense, and aggressive methods or through persuasive immoral dealings; they are incontestable and unquestionable because of their pride. (Again, think Henry the VIII here!)

<u>Dictator</u> in Hebrew is like a yoke (i.e. one who binds and controls); one who reigns, has dominion, who orders, regulates and classifies; and one who sometimes is a tyrant, bully, oppressor, tormenter and intimidator. A dictator's yoke means to force others to servitude. He acts stern and unsympathetic.

Having this type of attitude: One that makes a fool of his woman—treats her as a child, and/or mocks her, does it to gratify his own desire of pride. Summary of a Home Dictator: he is the man of the house, king of his castle who demands breakfast, lunch and dinner...his woman is to remain quiet and listen, she is not allowed to speak or have an opinion that counts.

Summary of a doormat: when a message, vision or discernment is given by God to a woman, she tries to share, but she is not heeded, or she keeps it to herself not deeming it important enough to convey it because of her fear of ridicule.

The prevailing attitude in church society and in society in general is that women are not as smart as men. Which will you choose to be? Women how will you choose to see yourself? Will you both choose to see how God designed you?

Women are to partner with God and learn to be the discernment and true godly perception that men need. She was given to man to admonish him, rebuke him when he behaves improperly, and to exhort him in the dealings of this world. Women are equal in every way and just as valuable to God as men are. Both are responsible for their own personal salvation.

God speaks to both equally. Man misses many opportunities to gain insight into business, relationships, and into his woman because he has been duped into believing that women are only there for eye candy. No, actually, she is there to make you look good; but, you are to make her look good as well. Women were given authority by God to purchase fields, be in business, and make decisions all by themselves.

If men and women were wise, we would follow God's Word to the max, and get as much out of it as we possibly could. Just think how revolutionary this would be! A house divided cannot stand; but what if together, they could conquer all enemies spiritual and flesh? What if together each were valued and heard by each other because God was speaking through women just for the purpose to help men? Wow!

Men, be subject to God by valuing women, seeking their input and discernment, wanting their help. It is okay that you need female help. Be all that you can be woman; and men, let US be all that WE are allowed to be

NARCISSISM-SPIRITUAL EPIDEMIC AND ORIGINS

SPIRITUAL BROKENESS

<u>Link</u>: Current/former Narcissist https://youtu.be/sU305NqXT94

2nd https://youtu.be/rLCPDYt1wYk

Link: https://youtu.be/b3m3dVOos2s 2nd https://youtu.be/58t5dR61n7M

Link: David Hawkins https://youtu.be/aAwIp29myqg

Link: https://youtu.be/4diw43QgMmA

Link: https://youtu.be/3RpbIM5n1qg

Explore the links above and realize that there are many types, and you have to determine what is right for you, and what works for you life and sanity.

This book is about woman or men becoming all that God intended them to be, and Narcissism is an absolute must chapter about an epidemic of self-centeredness (spiritual demonic oppression). This is not a disorder as the professionals call it, but a spiritual wickedness having access to individuals that wreak havoc on our families, work, and in society.

There is a tie in of the Jezebel and Ahab spirits that are most likely part of the Narcissistic makeup. These spirits operate or have access to these damaged individuals and help to corrupt them. The Jezebel/Ahab spirit work together with other spirits to wreak havoc on people's lives. Jezebel and Ahab spirits cause rebellion, division, strip you of your identity, manipulation which is called witchcraft, causing sickness, an inner battle of good vs. evil, idol worship of every kind, legalism and self-righteousness, puffing you up, and so on.

This book and chapter is not about the Jezebel spirit which probably goes hand and hand with narcissism and this epidemic of spiritual deception, corruption and chaos. There are many books out there dealing with the Jezebel spirit, and you can get more answers there, but now we will continue on with the main topic of Narcissism called NPD.

This chapter will help to educate those under the deception of these sneaky infiltrated people, while also will it will be used to dispel using the traditions of men, one sided thinking which includes slanting scripture singularly to one's own interests, traditions, or personal desires. The narcissistic individual agenda fits nicely into the traditions of man for reasons explained further below.

Relationships involving these people including those in the work space; will thwart the ideals and scripture relevance of this book that involves women or men rising up, being valued, and respected equally.

Once you understand that your life was stolen by deception, and gone for good you will have to

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go through the mourning process like you would for someone's death. You must evaluate everything about you and them...soul searching, forgiving, and healing. While becoming stronger so you can stand firm on truth which in a Narcissism is like ice, and very slippery. Bless you in this!

We must understand the epidemic of this selfish, deceptive, and self-centered personality, and how their moral character of these blemished individuals can undermine all attempts to rise up and be all that God intended you to be.

However, there is a freedom in understanding these people, recognizing them, and learning to cope, or not cope with them. Once you recognize who they are, how they operate, and what you can do about them, you might find moments of peace, direction, and discernment as to what you should do next!

There is no perfect plan, response, or standard to map out. You will have to seek to figure out where you are in the mess, and who this person is that you may be dealing with. If married you may think things are looking up and the rug gets pulled out from under you every time and you end up prostrate, defeated and confused.

The following information is based on a biblical view gleaned from other professionals, research into the core traits, and the characteristics that come forth from these alter-false-dual persons.

You can recognize one because a true narcissist is usually ALL of the above...they exhibit many flaws, blemishes and wrinkles in their soul if not all in some form. All people have selfish traits, but these people are driven by demons that cause chaos and confusion.

"And the spirits of the prophets are <u>subject</u> to the prophets. ... For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints." (1Co 14:32-33)

They are usually controlling, sexually impure, and unfaithful. They lie, twist, and blame others for everything...those on the outside of their inner circle would never know because they are perfect liars, and cover tracks immaculately. This is because the demons that drive them are perfect liars, deceivers from ancient times, and have it down perfectly. Makes sense!

Once you read this, you may be able to pinpoint one in your life, and make arrangements to either eliminate them from it, or find new options to deal with them. Allowing you to ascend from the dead, and climb up without their having power to bring you down is a monumental challenge.

THE NARCISSIST- A "DOUBLE MINDED" SPIRIT(S)

In Greek Mythology, Narcissus was a hunter from Thespiae in Boeotia (Ancient Greek city, time of Perseus-mythological hybrid beings; part fallen angel and human) He who was known for his beauty the son of the so called River God (F. Angel) Cephissus (father of Narcissus) and Nymph, goblin, and spirit and Greek deity Liriope.

The first clue here is that Narcissism originates from the wicked spirits of the fallen angel hybrid

sons that came forth from the dead bodies of these so called mythological sons (i.e. who were Giants-Gen 6- Enoch 1 arguments), and when these spirits are involved they usually have gangs associated with them.

He (i.e. Narcissus) was considered beautiful it is no wonder that a narcissist has a personality that exudes confidence or ego (i.e. personality, character, self-esteem), because it is the confidence of this evil spirit of pride, self-importance, and smugness that becomes part of the character of a person.

According to the professionals; NPD (Narcissistic Personality Disorder) is a mental disorder, and yet there is such an explosion with so many people exhibiting these personality character flaws that the professionals are trying to understand what this Narcissistic behavior really is. Too many people have these behaviors and cannot fit into the mold of someone who has a psychological mental disorder.

Research on NPD suggests that Americans in their 20s are three times as likely to have experienced NPD as people over age 60...How is culture affecting the narcissism epidemic? Well, certainly media is to blame, with its focus on image and individualized attention (as Lady Gaga says, "You will all have your 15 minutes of fame"). Social media is very self-focused all opening the willing up to demon harassment or possession.

The young are more at risk, as well as young men of which 75% have this sinful imperfection. It is because they have been raised without God, and in schools taught it is all about them, no ten commandments to live by, living in divorced or damaged families with no moral compass. It opens the door to these potentially willing sinful, self-centered, and mislead individuals to be taken over and run by spirits.

Why There Are So Many Narcissists Now?

Health.news.com, by Lindsay Lion reports:

"Narcissistic personality traits have become so pervasive (invasive, insidious, all-encompassing) in American culture that they threaten to transform us into a nation of egomaniacs, research psychologists Jean Twenge and W. Keith Campbell say in their new book The Narcissism Epidemic."

I agree it is a disorder of egomaniac chaos (unruliness, anarchy, bedlam, confusion, turmoil, and pandemonium), but mostly it is an epidemic of spiritual oppression, possibly possession, control, and bondage of a person's mind and character.

These spirits have ownership of damaged, willing, or traumatized individuals whom are not driven by the Holy Spirit, but by evil wicked spirits from the past, who have currently been let out of prison for these last days awaiting judgment noted in the book of Enoch 1.

Narcissism happens like many spiritual infiltrations into a person's life through generational curses, abuse, rebellion, trauma, and sinful nature of families, or just self.

No excuses however because God calls us out of sin, and the bondage that entraps us for

whatever reason and sets us free. We are to examine self and become like Jesus...Jesus is holy and all must become holy, by his righteousness, turning from sinful and ungodly ways.

Alter(s) self is like the double minded man in scripture--is unstable, unsteady, insecure, volatile, unpredictable, erratic, unfair, one-sided, prejudiced, partial, confusing, disingenuous, deceptive, misleading, dishonest, devious, hypocritical, insincere, untruthful etc.. .in all their ways (behavior, habits, traditions, conduct and lifestyle) ...in other words confusion and chaos reigns.

"A double minded man is unstable (G182-akatastatos –restless, inconstant, the sense of UNION, community and fellowship (w/demons in charge of them) to exhibit self, insecure, quick tempered, irritable, unpredictable, erratic, unbalanced, explosive, impulsive, precarious, dangerous, hazardous, fickle, quirky and dramatic, unreal, phony and invented impostor SELF) in all his ways." (Jas 1:8)

"Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify, (get rid of impurities, self-examine, and cleanse) your hearts, ye double minded (i.e. Narcissists-Jas 4:8)."

<u>DOUBLE MINDED</u> – G1374 *dipsychos*- wavering, uncertain, divided interest, two spirited G5590, (in opinion or purpose), between God and the world, G1364 *dis*-twice dead in a moral sense, fallen from a state of grace, you are dead here below, G1417 *dyo* "two" both, into parts—meaning not whole.

In the book of Enoch1- it says that the dead children of the Fallen Angels, their spirits became what we know today as evil, wicked, and debauched spirits to name a few. Narcissism is an evil, wicked and debauched persona.

These spirits are deceiving because the Narc individual has no clue, inkling, indication or evidence that this is who they are, and are not able to hear, or accept anything that is other then what they believe about themselves, because according to scripture they hear, but do not hear, see and see not, understand, but do not comprehend.

"But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, which they should not hear." (Zech 7:11)

The Narcissist-double minded person has been blinded by the prince of this world which is Satan the deceiver who robs, steals, and destroys along with his army.

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walk (meander, wander, and drift) about, seeking whom he may devour (consume, engulf, overcome, and use)... (1Pe 5:8)"

The sheep follow Jesus because they know his voice;

"And a stranger, (i.e. thief) they will not follow, but will <u>flee</u>, <u>escape</u> and <u>break away</u> from him: for they know not the <u>voice</u> of strangers (inner voice that is different). 6 This parable (allegory, metaphor and symbol) spoke Jesus to them: but they understood not ... 7 Then said Jesus to them again, Verily, verily (with confidence, in truth, assuredly), I say to you, I am the door (access,

gate and entrance) of the sheep. 8 All that ever came before me are <u>thieves and robbers</u>: but the sheep (disciples-followers) did not hear them (the thieves and robbers). ...10 the thief (evil spirits) comes not, but for to <u>steal</u>, and to <u>kill</u>, and to <u>destroy</u>: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. (John 10:5)

In other words the sheep recognize Gods voice, his ways, and follow them...where others like the Narcissist cannot recognize because of being deceived, and therefore follow the thief and robber who rob, steals and destroys their life, along with the life of others.

You cannot reason with these people because you are trying to reason with these spirits, and these spirits do not care about you or others just themselves. Therefore only by Gods grace, prayer, and speaking the truth (while receiving retribution by the narc), is the only possibility for intervention.

God must choose to have mercy on them, and through your faithfulness in prayer and his mercy may turn the Narc around very, very slowly they may be delivered, but when you're entangled with a Narc it could be for better or for worse.

If it is too dangerous for you or your children, etc., you must make or set boundaries, and-or remove self and loved ones from danger. Be wise here!

"In whom the <u>god</u> (Satan and his government of deceivers) of this world hath <u>blinded the minds</u> of them which <u>believe not</u>, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." (2 Co 4:4)

"<u>To open their eyes</u>, and to turn them from <u>darkness to light</u>, and from the <u>power of Satan</u> unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me." (Act 26:18)

Therefore, a very strong delusional, deceptive spirit, or spirit gang is controlling them; the literal power of Satan. They even exalt themselves above God, and have a form of godliness that serve self, and not Jesus or God of the Bible.

Their faith is not in truth or holiness because of their obvious works in spirit do not represent his kingdom. Yet they may believe they are, and convince others the same with religious trappings.

"Son of man thou dwell in the midst of a rebellious house (tribe, Jews, believers, churches, or family), which have <u>eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not</u>: for they are a rebellious house." (Ezek 12:2)

Narcissist is found in the Bible under the following words; vain, pride, selfish, arrogance scorner, and reproach...previously I had done a research paper that included reproach, which lead to force prevails, etc. I have not been able to get the exact word that took me to Narcissists, but the information below is pulled from that research and gives a different glimpse of narcissism from the blueletterbible.org and word interpretation:

ABOVE REPROACH (1 Tim 3:7, 10) - includes the following:

To prove <u>force prevails</u> so they-he-she (i.e. Narcissist) bullies, browbeats, intimidate, threaten-that we, you, I may not do such and such, and are personified ourselves as antagonistic, on the warpath, hostile, and aggressive forces...contending for dominion over the will of the individual, you, a Christian-us...they (i.e. narcissist) expresses absolute denial... hindering, avoiding you, issues, or truth when it is actually they who bullies etc.

<u>Reproach</u> - We fall (and are to be entrapped, overwhelmed, we fall among robbers, demons & thieves, who rob, steal, and destroy, they (i.e. Narcissists) are under <u>ones</u> power, the divine penalties in the <u>prophecies of Hosea</u>, applied to things not perceived by the senses (i.e. spiritual), and it is said to dwell, inhabit, reside, and stay in (inside, within, indoors, inwards, at home) in men, revealing, manifesting within ones soul spirit, heart, among the men of this age among my countryman, among us, among you, among yourselves, with one another.

The instrument or means (of Satan) by which anything is accomplished that which is sown in a state of corruption "the measure or standard" of the whole of which the pare inheres ("I" inheres the "we"), to be an inseparable part (i.e. possession), comes as no accident of character...it serves as a periphrasis (to avoid inflection, a shadow, screen, cover or shield, talking around, ambiguous, as an alter ego, ghost/spirit, and roundabout form of expression that shun inflection, character, nature, quality, attitude for individuals, wives, family, Christians {whether person or thing}

<u>To those of the family of Narcissus</u> (He, they, she was proud, in that they disdained, scorn, disregard, look down on, despise, turn their nose up, and shows indifference, they forget about things, us, our needs, takes no notice of them, you, or ignore those who love him-her-them (YOU the Non-Narcissist).

<u>Reproach -Cont</u>: Who (the Narc) were-are not Christians although claiming to be in some manner of expression, those of the dead (spiritually, etc.) who are called Christians, a Christian of stain, wrinkles (sexually unfaithful, etc.), or blemish (i.e. sinful imperfection-tarnished or damaged), an approved Christian, a Christian prisoner, to be in the power of the Holy Spirit...and <u>at the same time in the power of an unclean spirit</u>, possessed by one, to be held in the power of Satan, subject to control of the law (own works), because faith and hope are placed in what is believed or hoped for. Not biblical faith, but conditional.

I, you, we came under condemnation (by and through the Narc), we were to be thrust, forced, prodded, muscled, dominated, commanded, through strength, sway, and influence...to be defeated, downhearted, despondent, miserable, put down, set aside, knocked down, overpowered, spent, used up, eaten up, and we lose authority fail and crash...then pack up, with disappointed hopes and dreams, Narcissists and us do not succeed in every area of life, or just in pockets.

We (non-narcissist) are overcome by astonishment and grief, under attack of an evil spirit, of a family reduced to extreme decay like David's, to fall from a state of uprightness, to be removed from power by (spiritual) death?

We (non-Narc) lose authority, our right, permission, influence, and are powerless. We no longer have vigor, energy, or power of sayings, precepts, rules, instruction, principles or teaching...we fall, tumble, plunge, and topple together, it is a collapse of a house (yours, mine, his, theirs, etc.)

The Narcissist wants to fly-hurry, run away, take off, take to the air, flee the reproach, snare, the trap, noose, because they are entangled and blocked. Basically they want to avoid being caught or responsible.

JEZEBEL and AHAB are the NARCISSIST Spirit of today, or at least working among this network or gangs of wicked and demonic spirits. More will be covered on the Jezebel and Ahab characters that appear to be almost identical in many ways. You can compare them further on your own.

HOW DOES A NARCISSIST IMPACT YOUR LIFE?

Narcissistic relationships tend to be very demanding. They are so focused on themselves that they have no need to "see" their partner as anything but a ways and means to their end.

Their spouse and children are only valued in terms of their ability to meet these needs. (I.e. or fail to meet their self-centered whims usually result in some form of abuse, attack or neglect). Narcissistic lack the ability to have empathy, sympathy, or to be kind and thoughtful.

They do not have pity, they do not support you or others, and do not have consideration with or for their partners' feelings because these alter evil spirits can and do take control on their own impulse.

They tend to have a "big" personality (i.e. puffed up-proud), and they are the life of the party. They have a huge need to be worshipped. She/he can make you feel that you too must be great for them to choose you to be at their side.

They may feel jealous or easily hurt. When narcissistic injuries occur, they often lash out and can be cutting. Their reactions are dramatic and attention-seeking, and in public they have no sense of respect for anyone because when mad they will lash out not caring who sees or hears. Since spiritual or demon driven they cannot reason normally.

One of the most painful parts about a relationship with a narcissist is the accusations and 'labels' the narcissist puts on you (like crazy, selfish, bitch, bastard, difficult to live with, and no one likes you along with name calling). Hence you doubt everything you think or believe about any situation the Narc is involved with, because you do not understand what is going on.

Maybe you had a narcissistic parent and you were told that you weren't good enough, you were selfish and a bad person. This is what they are, and know about themselves-yet to cause confusion project it onto others and steal joy, peace and good sense from those involved.

It's not how they see themselves, but calling something black when it is white, and evil--good. Lookout to those who do this according to the Bible they will try to make you ineffective, or kill you spiritually.

In regard to love relationships – in many cases, when you met the narcissist, he or she could not seem happier with you (deception of the spirit). You were put on a pedestal with smooth

deceptive words, and were told all the reasons why you were so different from all the others. The narcissist 'loved' everything about you. Hook, line, and sinker, netted, and caught.

The narcissist knew you were the person who was going to be his or her savior because they looked for people who were good and forgiving. It is like they build you up to trap you, and once you are trapped in a relationship, or marriage, and then they begin the torture...not the person that had good parts and character, but the devil that rose up his evil head and revealed his true nature by controlling this traumatized victim whom we now call the Narcissist.

Warrior woman of God, and Gods secret weapon must heal, be wise, protect self and children...all the while trying to save her marriage or relationship. Know the truth about what is going on, and this truth can set you free to move forward, onward, into the future in wisdom and discernment.

The narcissist spouse, friend, co-worker or boss will perceive something you did as 'wrong' – which means not approving of him or her enough, or because you 'critiqued' 'questioned' or 'didn't agree' with him or her in some way, and try to make you suffer for it, so do not let them, walk away, ignore them, or find another job.

Then the masked persona and demon gangs that people get very early in life from trauma allow demons access into the cracks and the monstrous unhealed wounds of the person. At this point, the 'adoring' person you believed was in love with you becomes your worst enemy and nightmare – saying or doing almost anything possible to maliciously hurt you. All the while you have no clue what is happening and question everything.

You try to explain, grasp for something that makes sense, and it never does. You pick yourself up and try to do better, start over, until the next time you do something or say something. It is a demon working through them, and it will never make sense, and meant to be that way...the demon that works through the narcissist will rob you of peace, sanity, joy, and life.

These robbers, thieves, and demon spirits do not care, and when in full control you will notice the different controlling behaviors. These spirits can raise their head at any moment, and confusion continues to reign.

How is it possible for anyone to overcome, and become Gods chosen? First you must recognize what has been happening potentially for years, and then decide how to change the circumstance for the health and joy of all.

If children are invaded souls they may be cold, aloof, uncaring and distant, they may leave and tell others blaming you, and if you weren't such and such the argument would not have happened?

When projections (plan, arrangement and scheme) erupt the harder you try to make the narcissist accountable for his or her atrocious behavior the more pronounced the projections become.

Remember Satan is an accuser of the brethren.

"And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which

deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. 10"And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night." (Rev 12:9-10)

Through the Narcissist these fallen angels, and Satan accuse you of <u>their</u> sins, and wickedness, they rob, steal and destroy families and Gods people. One day they receive judgment for their wickedness, but until then we must deal with them at work, home, and play.

The narcissist's (spirit gangs) will automatically deflect and project onto you. Due to the spirits proclaimed disgust towards you, self-original, and others, this is a necessary instrument, method, and system of the demon spirits.

I do not believe the Narcissist in most cases can objectively understand their need to project onto others, to accuse, or anything else because they are deceived by these demonic spirits who keep them blind to what they are doing. Only the intervention of God, and the spiritual warfare, with prayer can conquer these demons that cause Narcissism which can be rooted in the pride of evil spirits.

The Narcissist will inevitably project these parts, fraction, element, and cut on to you. This ensures two things:

- 1) You are punished for challenging the Double Self, and
- 2) You become the horrible person who has committed all of these unacceptable things (or at the very least have been the cause of them).

The narcissist will use any method available to project. This means fabricating, distorting, assigning significance to, or exaggerating what you said or did as 'evidence', and / or quoting third party allies, which can also be fabricated, untrue, and made-up.

You will be astounded after stating the facts and gaining some sort of sensibility (forcing the narcissist after a massive fight, struggle and scuffle to admit the 'truth' regarding these fabrications) when at a later date the narcissist will deny all of that and default back to his or her fictious, and untrue version of the intensification. Confusion and chaos reign.

You will also be amazed at how the narcissist lies about an 'event' that you were present to and uphold it as absolute truth regardless of the fact you were there!

Narcissists truly believe their fabricated, untrue and made-up versions, story, and details especially the true original self and individual without demon spirit gangs. You need to understand that the narcissist's thinking and brain-wiring is so disordered, corrupted and chaotic because of these demons.

The Narcissist uses a deflection, moving target, zigzag, and twist, projection to avoid his or her reality. Because the split, double part run by the demon sidestep their responsibility. It is because of the blindness, confusion, self protection, and self-centeredness these demons create in the person's subconscious and mind – this becomes real to the narcissist who is not able to discern their thoughts from the spirits, to determine right from wrong thinking especially if

they have no foundation of truth as a true Christian has.

Anyone who has ever lived through the projections of a narcissist knows the insanity, the crazy-making, the intense struggle to try to prove yourself as innocent, the incredible twists and turns that the narcissist will perform to avoid accountability, and how any accountability or 'safety' gained from these tussles can fly out the window at a moment's notice and return to the pathological versions.

Today they acknowledged that something happened and tonight deny it or forget they ever had that conversation. This is caused by the demon spirits blocking memory, erasing memory, or hiding this fact from the narcissist so they do not remember. Fragmenting them!

You will be astounded, heartbroken, and dismayed how these fabricated versions are worth so much more to the narcissist then you, maintaining a healthy relationship with you, or even valuing any relationship at all with you.

You will be shocked and devastated at how the narcissist will do without, and sacrifice all future shared 'dreams', all security created together (including family), and is so capable of moving on in a split second.

You feel like you're going insane trying to get this person to JUST act like a decent and 'normal' human being. Surely, it's NOT that hard! The problem is this – you believe the narcissist can be 'normal' and is wired like a 'normal' human being. You need to accept this is not the case.

The relationship with a Narcissist was-is never going to be healthy, or work in more than ninety percent, if that. This relationship was never about you – it was always firmly all about the narcissist – regardless of how much you believed the narcissist was affectionate and caring at times. They were, but powerful spirits rule their temple the body of this individual we call the Narcissist and these wicked spirits are not those qualities at any moment.

Now that you understand some of this information about a Narcissist and believe you are involved with one; you as a Woman/Man of God is not bound to an adulterous or sexually defiled person...according to scripture. You may still opt to stay with them for reasons relating to your personal relationship with the Lord. Just remember that this is a spiritual war, and not a personal one. It is a battle in which you will lose many, but the hope is in the end to win the soul and War.

How you become the woman or man God intends will be difficult, but can be done, and it will never be easy. You must pick up your cross and follow the Lord, his direction, discernment, and purpose for you within this relationship.

He or she (the Narc) will erode what sense of self you may have, and will make you as reliant on him or her as possible —emotionally, mentally, physically, and / or financially. Get strong personally in the Lord, with other friends who can lift you up and will pray against this deceiving lying spirit(s).

Narcissists play cards (Trump) to control you – they threaten rejection, abandonment and/ or the replacing of you. These are all common narcissistic tactics. Do not let them push your buttons

instead call them on their games. Like "I will still be here" you can do whatever you want, but there will be consequences too!

Narcissists say the strangest things... and we are often left scratching our heads -- trying to make sense of the senseless. Most of what they say is meant to confuse us, throw us off and manipulate us.

They use backward-talk, projection, martyrdom and almost ALWAYS provoke us to respond in a manner they can then use against us. They are brilliant manipulators. Actually, these spirits are brilliant manipulators with underhanded tactics at work!

Whenever a narcissistic partner accuses you of something, it's because that is exactly what he's up to at that moment in his life. If you pay attention to this, you will see that it is fool-proof.

Oftentimes, we're too busy getting hysterical over a narcissist's ludicrous accusation to stop and listen to exactly what he's saying.

And while a Narc will never admit to a wrongdoing, he/she will, in fact, accuse you of what he happens to be doing. Calmly and peacefully consider every accusation as an admission and do your investigation from there.

Whenever a Narcissist unexpectedly fakes sickness or throws a fit and stomps off in the middle of a heated conversation, attempts to distract you from the topic at hand, it's likely that you've just said something or alluded to something that he's guilty of. His/her/their immediate behavior is nothing more than a distraction reaction.

When you're involved with someone who has a narcissist personality, nothing – and I mean nothing – is as it seems and everything is intended to be a distraction from the real thing. When you get that nagging feeling that something is very wrong behind the scenes, don't doubt yourself or allow him make you feel that you're being delusional.

When they start creating narcissistic chaos and confusion, look beneath the actions to see the actual truth that he's hiding. When it comes to the Narc, you're first instincts will <u>usually</u> be right.

In essence, a narcissist will "tell on" himself by accusing you of what he's really doing behind your back. The more you know what they are up to, the more likely you'll be able to give up the need for closure.

You must learn to read between the narcissistic lines. Almost as if the spirits are disclosing to you the truth openly about their behavior, and then telling you, or blaming you that you are the one doing these things.

This narcissistic rage is provoked by the slightest narcissistic insult or opportunity, such as not being seen, understood, or appreciated, in the way one feels he or she deserves.

Narcissists are masters at playing mind games (i.e. demonic wicked spirits behind this). They play to win and take no prisoners.

They are poor losers and if they don't win they will often react in a fit of rage and stomp away like a little child the only way for the other person to win is to not play. Here are some of the more common games that narcissists play:

YOU are called crazy anytime you try to confront them, bring up past issues or behaviors, or expose them when they're doing something upsetting or inexcusable. The game goes like this: you are told that you have an overly active imagination, you don't know what you're talking about, they have no idea what you're talking about, or that you're simply making things up to cause problems.

They'll tell you that it's obvious that you are the one who is crazy (and tell you that everyone around you agrees with them about you being crazy).

They will claim not to remember even unforgettable events, flatly deny they ever happened, and will never entertain the possibility that they might have forgotten. This is an extremely aggressive and infuriating tactic called "gas lighting," a common technique used by abusers of all kinds.

Your perceptions of reality are continually undermined on purpose by the spirits, so that you end up without any confidence in your own perception, memory, or suspicion.

Cat and Mouse is another game they play: Cat and Mouse (or Spite and Malice) is a perfect game for a narcissist because it is actually a form of solitaire, it requires "one upmanship," and involves pulling out "better" cards to beat the opponent.

Keep away is a game that you, yourself, must learn to play. To do this, you need to stop bringing up past events/behaviors because you will always be told you are wrong, they are right, and that you need help.

Ignore inciting words, do not respond back to inciting words, hang up the phone (with proper notice such as "I've got something I need to do "not slamming it down), or leave the location where he/she is at. There are many ways for you to refuse to catch the ball or put the ball down and not throw it back, walk away, and refuse to play.

They destroy those they cannot control. A narcissist always think that they are the VICTIM. They are usually very moody, emotional roller coaster all the time. A spouse becomes disposable...IF? If hard times (I) will become replaceable with another woman, man, friend or group.

CHARACTER SPOTS AND WRINKLES

Once you recognize their behavior you can begin to see how they are driven by demon spirits because many of the traits in the bible are attributed to the wicked demonic spirits or workers of iniquity.

Many women of God and Men of God are already literally in a relationship or married to a

Narcissist, so, how can you get respect, be treated equal, and become the person God intended (i.e. Warrior, and Secret Weapon of the Kingdom)?

You know your adversary trying to steal your spouse, job, or family member from you, and destroy you in the process. Be wise, fight the good fight, protect the family, draw boundaries, stand strong for what is right and do not be manipulated.

Some qualities are listed below to help you recognize the wiles and snares of the Devil working through this person or persons, and these will help in your awareness:

- •Lack of empathy, sympathy, kindness, or agreement—Arrogant, haughty, self-important fantasies (often sexual in nature), and behavior--Need for admiration-Self important-exaggerates-fame-beauty--They feel special or unique
- •Use others to achieve own goals or ends--Cannot except other people's feelings hopes or needs--Behaves arrogantly or haughtily feeling superior, immune or above the law (drive how they want)
- •Adulterous fornicators--Rages when they feel contradicted, confronted, frustrated by people considered to be inferior to them, or unworthy (i.e. you). Never admit, they hide and use shock tactics to confuse you.
- •Arrogant & domineering--Pre-occupation w/success and power and do not want to fail in anything.
- •Lack of empathy-Get over it! Cold hearted-disconnected, lack of guilt-NOT SORRY. In marriage not committed in anyway because it was expected means nothing to them.
- •Control Freak (i.e. prisoner or bondage) Challenge authority-rage when they do not win--Rage uncontrolled if insulted or threatened--Must protect-eliminate source of criticism, threatens (balance (kill them)
- •Over focus on own needs while ignoring others. Angry when confronted? Reactive-when held accountable or shown wrong or confronted, they have depraved self-esteem, and deny or blame others to ward off responsibility or personal evaluation.
- •Perverted-hurt or abused as a child--They just want people to praise them--Always blame others too damaged --We become an enemy when we speak truth.
- •They have trouble in relationships--Low self esteem-shameful-wounded-dirt cheap--No negatives or challenges what they want over the others needs. They need to humble themselves before the Lord and be straightened out.
- •Feels pompous, haughty, and self-important (e.g., exaggerates accomplishments, talents, skills, contacts, and personality traits to the point of lying, demands to be recognized as superior without commensurate achievements);

- •Feels entitled. Demands automatic and full compliance with his or her unreasonable expectations for special and favorable priority treatment; is "exploitative of close associations, family, or acquaintance," i.e., uses others to achieve his or her own ends?
- •Is unable or unwilling to identify with, acknowledge, or accept the feelings, needs, preferences, priorities, and choices of others; (self-centered, selfish, double minded);
- •Relentlessly envious of others including their significant other, and seeks to hurt or destroy (take revenge) the objects of his or her frustration. Suffers from persecutory (paranoid) delusions as he or she believes that they feel the same about him or her and are likely to act similarly;
- •Behaves arrogantly and haughtily. Feels superior, omnipotent, omniscient, invincible, immune, "above the law," and omnipresent (spiritual wickedness and chaos). Rages when frustrated, contradicted, or confronted by people he or she considers inferior to him or her and unworthy.
- •Convincing and superficial charm. The tendency to be smooth, engaging, charming, slick, and verbally facile. Sociopathic (lacking moral responsibility, and disregard for proper social behavior) charm is not in the least shy, self-conscious, or afraid to say anything. They never get tongue-tied. They have freed themselves from the social conventions about taking turns in talking, for example act above the law, and ignores decent behavior expected by others.
- Need for stimulation or proneness to boredom. An excessive need for novel, work of fiction, unusual, different, thrilling, and exciting stimulation (i.e. often leads to fornication or adultery and one night stand-with no sexual preference); taking chances and doing things that are risky.
- •Pathological lying. Can be moderate or high; in moderate form, they will be shrewd, crafty, cunning, sly, and clever; in extreme form, they will be deceptive, deceitful, underhanded, unscrupulous, manipulative, and dishonest.
- •Cunning and manipulative. The use of deceit and deception to cheat, con, or defraud others for personal gain; distinguished from Item #4 in the degree to which exploitation and callous ruthlessness is present, as reflected in a lack of concern for the feelings and suffering of one's victims.
- •Lack of remorse or guilt. A lack of feelings or concern for the losses, pain, and suffering of victims; a tendency to be unconcerned, dispassionate, coldhearted, and un-empathic. This item is usually demonstrated by a disdain for one's victims.
- •An intentional, manipulative, selfish, low self-discipline, and inability to begin or complete responsibilities.
- •Huge sign is promiscuous sexual behavior within, or without marriage. A variety of brief, superficial relations, numerous affairs, and an indiscriminate selection of sexual partners; the maintenance of several relationships at the same time; a history of attempts to sexually compel others into sexual activity or taking great pride at discussing sexual exploits or conquests.

- •Early behavior problems. A variety of behaviors prior to age 13, including lying, theft, cheating, vandalism, bullying, sexual activity, fire-setting, glue-sniffing, alcohol use, and running away from home or just major rebellion of some kind.
- Lack of realistic, long-term goals. An inability or persistent failure to develop and execute long-term plans and goals; a nomadic existence, aimless, lacking direction in life.
- Impulsivity. The occurrence of behaviors that are unpremeditated and lack reflection or planning; inability to resist temptation, frustrations, and urges; a lack of deliberation without considering the consequences; foolhardy, rash, unpredictable, erratic, and reckless.
- •Many short-term marital relationships. A lack of commitment to a long-term relationship reflected in inconsistent, undependable, and unreliable commitments in life, including marital. The other person is slandered by them vilifying them.
- •Laws and rules do not apply to them, they will rant and rave to get their way...make a scene, run red lights, ask for discounts under circumstances not warranted. Try to get people to help them, and never available to do the same, or vary rarely.

JEZEBEL AND AHAB ARE THE NARCISSIST SPIRIT

JEZEBEL SPIRIT: If you have this spirit many times it comes with the spirit of AHAB (Demonic Spirits that need to be cast out, and not tolerated) an online PASTOR spoke the below two-part SERMON about the Jezebel/Ahab spirit, and here is what she/he is, and how it is affecting your life.

JEZEBEL AND AHAB ARE THE NARCISSIST-You will see the same qualities, characters or flaws in the Narcissist as in the Jezebel, and Ahab spirit. Jezebel/Ahab may very well be the core spirits that we call the Narcissist. Below is a list that you can compare to the Narcissist character and ways of living.

- 1. Tries to control others and all things...they are <u>unchaste</u> (not virtuous, impure, and unclean)-unholy-does not submit to anyone which means proud and not humble. They are used as a pawn of the Devil to cause destruction. It is an evil <u>spirit network</u> (system, group, that interact, exchange ideas, which is complex inside a person), and they are contrary to Gods order of things.
- 2. Causes disobedience to God-and the individual spiritually driven becomes unequally yoked, and marries unbelievers.
- 3. Kills things of God, cuts them off (1 Kings 11:5) Is the love/fertility/and war Goddess! Perverted love and war spirit...who gets in control in some way, and compromises the word of God with "I Will" instead of "Thy Will Lord" She and He causes anger, strife, lust, manipulation, witchcraft, and sexual manipulations of every kind. They are NOT submissive to Gods' word-and THEY/YOU will not receive correction by Gods people, spouse, parents, pastor, or employers.

- 4. Jezebel/Ahab spirit is a deceiving spirit- they want others to submit to them (YOU), and draws the wrath of God, bringing curses of God in their life and those around them- all their works burn up (i.e. the individual that they drive or possess)-things go wrong, because they, the spirits are not of God, but their will through you or them. No fruitfulness-no prosperity, no blessings but famine in life. Famine is lack, like in your music career, barrel racing, and men, etc.
- 5. They try to dominate others to get what they want, causing much destruction in homes, families and your relationship.
- 6. Jezebel spirit will not back down...they use fear and intimidation when confronted with sin, or? Causing others to throw in the towel-this enemy the Jezebel/Ahab spirit of yours does not give up their will! Which when it operates is ungodly?
- 7. Jezebel is lawless like Ahab who is also covetness-their desire instead of Gods desire. Temper tantrums, if they/you do not get your OWN way, and you get mad and angry (Jezebel gets angry through YOU)...
- 8. Jezebel must be cast our, and driven out by you, and us. Do not tolerate her spirit that compromises Gods word.
- 9. Jezebel = Harlotry (when her body is beyond buying she sells her hand-adultery, fornication-prostitution, spiritual, and physical.
- 10. Jezebel is seducing others and yourself away from God, She is not teachable, and has the attitude of "Don't tell me what to do!"
- 11. Jezebel is in both men and woman at the same time or individually.
- 12.2 Chron. 21:6 House of Ahab -has a Daughter who inherited curses, so believers must cast out these demons.
- 13. Jezebel does not listen to word of God-they war against it. This spirit causes separation and division in/with Gods people in family, relationships, etc.
- 14. Christians must confront these spirits, cast them out, and bring truth to them! You have to confront them with TRUTH, and prove their ideas, and their will is false and not holy! We are to rise up and confront false things. Believers need to tell them that they need to spend time in the word of God- do not waste life in worthless things.
- 15. I am commanded to "War" with my mouth against this Jezebel spirit in all others! I am not supposed to give up-not to draw back- but keep my eyes on the Lord. To rise up and speak truth even if it means losing all, so that you can repent one day!
- 16. You want US to quit-this spirit wants US to throw in the towel, and not confront or let them do what they want without obstruction. Do not let them be brave!

- 17. We are to tell the person with these spirits to get your eyes on God. Get into the word-you are not in tune with him. Then you will get victory to slay enemies. You must Repent and turn from sin, half truths, lies, manipulation and cast out these spirits of Jezebel/Ahab and their demonic network. Eliminate them out of life.
- 18. Seek their own will...like the five "I Wills" of Satan.
- 19.Jezebel spirit-You/Dad participate in parties (social gathering, event, have fun, whoop it up, let yourself go, have a break, chill out-not in a Godly way)-sexual immorality or drunkenness (filled with sin)
- 20. Jezebel is involved with compromise to protect their own interest for them to own benefit-or keep and have prosperity! Spiritual pride, self importance, rather than humility, and submission to God's will.

OPPOSITE of the Jezebel and Ahab (i.e. the Narcissist) is the word of God that says:

"Submit (surrender, comply, accept, agree to, resign yourself, and yield), yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." (Jas 4:7)

"Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resist the proud, and gives grace to the humble.

We as believers must crucify the flesh-we must not need to be in control anymore, and let Jesus be Lord in every area of your LIFE. You cannot pick and choose what you like, and agree with. It is all with the Lord Jesus." (1Pe 5:5)

"And they that are Christ's have crucified-killed-cut off the flesh with the affections and lusts." (Gal 5:24)

"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness," (Gal 5:19)

"Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth. 2:22 Behold, I will cast her (i.e. Jezebel Spirit-and Person) into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds." (Rev 2:16)

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted (changed, transformed, rehabilitated, improved), that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;" (Act 3:19)

"Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought (idea, belief, theory, and opinion) of your heart may be forgiven you. 30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men/women everywhere to repent (feel sorry, self-reproach, contrite for past conduct, regret, feel remorse, change of mind, turning away from sin and to God, and feel sorry for past attitudes and behaviors)." (Act 8:22)

Jezebel, Ahab and Narcissist behave almost exactly, and therefore we can deduce that because these spirits even influence the Church in the last days that Gods people and the secular world are operating under these wicked spirits that rob, steal and destroy the individual and all around them. They must be dealt with, and even though they are pathological liars, manipulators, and deceivers they will try to wiggle out of the clutches of your holy spirit to continue on in their ways.

They the individual must be delivered and these demons cast out! Gods' spirit must indwell them through repentance and receiving salvation. Do not believe their lies, projections back on you, and desperate need to control you and others. Make boundaries, know the truth, stand firm on what you know, and be in their face! Be humble! But find balance and be in their face with truth and word of God.

These spirits within individuals may have more traits then others or more predominant characteristics then others, but do not be deceived if these spirits are at work remember they are lying, deceiving spirits. They care about themselves and what is best for them; they do not really care about you, only the true self can do that. Hence double minded, and unstable in love, kindness, truthfulness, and full of themselves in sin and destruction of all around.

WHAT MUST WE DO NOW?

Since being married or in a relationship with a Narcissist is being married to an unbeliever, or in some cases a 'imposter' who tricked us into marrying them it seems that we need to recognize from the Biblical standpoint what our options are, and how to proceed.

If a child, or other family member such as sister, mother, brother, uncle, grandpa, we need to remember that they are lost, and may claim to be Christian who goes to church, but those on the inside know different, because by their works they can be known.

If married and you have children then just as you are married to an unbeliever you realize that they have a far different set of rules that they live by. If there is abuse physically, verbally, or any other way we must protect ourselves and our family (i.e. children).

If not married...run as fast as you can! If you have any idea that something is not right, or it is too good to be true, it is! This is deception so do your homework, make sure they are not so called Christians, and check up on their past, facts, and verify if what they say is true or half truths twisted around.

You have to make boundaries and consequences, you must keep those boundaries and consequences or they will walk all over you. If you choose to have a relationship with them then know the enemy inside them or the enemy that controls and motivates them.

It is a spiritual battle that can be won by commanding spirits to go in Jesus name, prayer, fasting, and boundaries. However they are deceived, and many deceived sinners die in their sins. It takes many years to live this way, and many years latter for any real change. If there is a chance for this person and God intervenes there is hope that they will become whole and delivered?

If they are children you must make boundaries, what is acceptable and what is not. Send them packing, or discipline them...know what makes them tick and do not let them get to you with their trickery. Also, they will use the other children, and family members, spouse in their trickery to get what they want.

Tell the others that this person (i.e. Dad, Mom, Sissy, Uncle, etc.) have a problem, and do not allow yourself to be manipulated. The children may use the narcissist to get what they want, disobey your rules, and then everyone jumps on you who is trying to uphold the morals and family. Make boundaries and what happens when they cross them. Do not waiver, or else you will all reap the outcome and destruction of the entire house.

As a Mighty Warrior of God you can fight for this person in your life, but also you must know how to fight, when, where, why, and when to move to safety. God says who you are, and accept nothing less. Do not be aggressive and behave in a sinful manner, but stand your ground, know the enemy using your family member, and recognize that the battle is spiritual.

Walk away, refuse to listen to ranting, and accusations it is a Demon or evil spirits using them to get to you, and are trying to take away your peace and joy as well as your sanity.

Woman of God, and Men if you need to call them a narcissist or double minded person, and speak the truth called admonish, exhort, and rebuke as a member of Gods house, then do so, but then leave it at that and do not allow them to further the discussion.

You may find that you have to spend less time with them, and remember what makes them go off choosing to challenge them or not, and what the consequences are. If you need to discipline a child or youth then you must, draw boundaries and keep those consequences. Rise up with full assurance of who you are, and the authority you have.

If you must leave for an extended period of time tell them you love them, but you cannot stay any longer, until they get real help, etc. Call the cops, family, whoever you can trust to help if there is danger. If there is adultery you can leave and in Gods eyes it is acceptable. You may have to plan a way to leave that is unknown because of violence and retribution.

Some families choose to stay, live in, around, and with the Narcissist praying, interceding, etc. Most do not know how to warfare, commanding spirits to go in Jesus name, so they are not as effective, and even fasting is necessary for heavy artillery!

The Narcissist has to choose the Lord eventually, or they will remain lost, and deceived as well as destructive to all around.

God can reach down inside a person and change them, and he can remove those demon wicked spirits through the transformation and healing by God of one under the influence of a demonic horde who create this alter persona in the same individual.

Like drugs, pornography, alcohol or any other spiritual bondage it will be a great battle, with many struggles, it will take wisdom and discernment. You may lose many battles, but in the end

it is possible through prayer, possible intervention, and God's mercy they can be delivered. I've seen it!

We may not all be as lucky to watch the mercy and grace of God in a Narcissists life. We cannot leave our children, but if they get older and do not change then we must protect our sanity and tell them your boundaries and keep them.

With little ones pray, intercede, cast out demons, break curses, generational, etc, then with those boundaries and lines in the sand you can train them up the best you can in the Lord. If you must remove children, and leave! You can tell your other to get help, seek the lord and try to get away secretly because otherwise anything can happen.

Raise your children up to become whole, honest, holy, and having all the fruits of the Holy Spirit. They must choose the Lord and his ways, or reap the consequences of their own. The Narc will be very destructive to the kids understanding because adults are destroyed by the deceptive trickery that is hard to pin down. Kids will be clueless, and you will have to try to help them in a way that says we love (so and so), but they need help and do not realize it. Explain in a graceful but honest way that it is a sin nature not redeemed by Jesus YET!

Mighty of God arise out of the ashes of the destruction the enemy has tried to use to destroy you, keep you down, hide your true potential, make you believe you are either crazy, or have no value.

Become the woman or Man he has intended you to be. Do your homework, write down your gifts, good attributes, spiritual gifts, and worldly gifts.

You may not be beautiful, and a winner in the world's eyes, but in Gods eyes your beautiful just how you are, and how he created you. God does not look on the external body, your great accomplishments, but he looks inside where you are, where the true man or woman lives (i.e. spirit). He knows! He understands! And he will heal you!

Begin to dream again. To use the gifts you were given many years ago...donate your time, make time for getting yourself together, you are important and valuable and God loves you, arise, stand up, be counted, and finish the race!

Do not faint for exhaustion and weariness, so you never cross the finish line, because across the line is not only your eternal gifts, mansions, and rewards for a faithful servant, child, friend, saint, king and priest of the lord, but you have much to give, more to do, more lives to save including your own.

If your family has been destroyed because of the dynamics of a family under the oppression of a Narcissistic you will find no understanding there; so find friends, hobbies, activities, work, or whatever and surround yourself with good, moral, and godly supporters who will accept you as you heal.

You must want to heal, and yearn to rise up from destruction! Build up yourself once again a holy temple devoted to Jesus and his work, to his love, and grace because everything else will fall short. You must not hide their sin from your children if they are old enough to understand be

kind and treat the situation as if it was you who were the Narc revealing sin and not hiding it. Be wise not slanderous!

It is Satan, and so too is the Narcissist deceived, lost, and in need of salvation. Prayers are your heavy artillery, boundaries, and deciding how you are going to come through this with graces, peace and hopes!

Staying in a Narcissistic marriage or relationship is living in an abusive relationship with an unbeliever. They spout being a believer but you know they are not by their actions and behavior. You can leave an unbeliever according to scripture. It all depends on you and the amount of abuse present. If you think God will change the person you can give them a chance. Be wise and discerning by prayer and constant checking into God as to what to do next?

"And that because of <u>false brethren</u> unawares brought in, who came in privately (spiritually) to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage" (Gal 2:4)

God does not expect you to stay if you are being abused, or destroyed by adultery...do not allow it. You can say get help, and I will wait over here in a safe place, separate city, home, etc. while they hopefully seek the help they need.

"But and if she departs (the unbeliever), let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife. And the woman who hath a husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him. 14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified (cleansed, set apart) by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean (tainted, polluted, impure); but now are they holy. 15 But if the unbelieving (Narc) depart, let him/her depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace. 16 for what do you know thou, O wife/husband, whether thou shall save thy husband/wife? Or how do you know thou, O (non-Narc) man/woman, whether thou shall save thy Narc wife/husband?" (1Co 7:13)

We all must work out our salvation in fear and trembling, seeking Gods will for ourselves and family. Also, seeking what is best for the work place or church.

Mighty woman and men of God arise, and be counted, and be not destroyed. Know what is true and do not be deceived any longer. Claw your way back, fight the good fight, and finish your race set before you in holiness, and keep yourself untainted from sin, revenge, and any other work of the devil you want to do on the perpetrator of this deceptive living. Remember it is spiritual and they too are deceived.

You cannot save the lost, only God can do that. You can be a part of that salvation by prayer and petition. Only God knows the final outcome. You must seek Gods will for you and become the woman or man he intended you to be. God be with you in your decisions for life closely lived for him!

CHAPTER 5

GOD IS NOT A RESPECTER OF PERSONS

"If ye have disregard, disrespect, or deny, or value and admire some over others (including your women or wife), you commit sin, and the Father who is without respect of person's judges according to every man's work, so therefore spend your time here in fear. Those who do wrong will receive personally that which he deserves because there is no indifference, disrespect, disagreeing with one's value or admiration of one individual over another person." (Summarized from James 2:9, 1 Peter 1:17, Colossians 3:25, Acts 10:34, Romans 2:11, Ephesians 6:9)

NO man, woman, child, movie star, sports hero, homeless, crippled, outcast, prisoner, or president is to be respected or shown preference over another. One should not cater to, or show admiration to another over one's spouse. All persons are equal to even the well-known smelly bum who begs on the corner. We are all equal in God's eyes, and when we show respect to the secretary at work, or the boss, and do not the same considerations to our other half (husband, or wife) WE SIN!

Scripture claims to be the one and only Truth, and it is...so no arguing with it!

Women are wonderfully made, smart and very important in the body of Christ. She should know and embrace that no laws are higher than God's, not even the rules her man might have... for she must always <u>obey</u> (trust, have confidence, believe, abide by, and follow) the Lord Jesus Christ the Messiah over her husband.

If a decision needs to be made, and together you cannot come up with a unified outcome; then man can make the decision, or he can hand it off to the woman to make.

Jesus the servant says, "Whoever is Chief/Head among us, whoever is greatest, must be servant of all." (Matt 12:18, 20:27, 23:11).

Remember "Whosoever desires to be first, the same shall be last, and a servant of all." We are not to sacrifice God's Word and Truth for the whims and traditions of another if they are not God breathed and witnessed in His Word.

I hate to be the bearer of bad news but God does not highly regard the man over the woman. God has placed the man as head in an order of hierarchy, not of value or worth; but each is equal to the other. The husband in his mind may be king in his castle, but he answers to the King of Kings for his family and wife. (Mark 9:35)

Why does society want to create classes for people? Is there a sinister reason for this? I believe so, because the prince of this world would like nothing more than to render God's people deceived and ineffective. If we are a respecter of persons, and value men over women, we have butchered the Word of God.

Many pagan cults devalue women to the point of brutal treatment and slaughter, or place them in the status of sexual and fertile goddesses. Religions devalue them by making them sexual and perverse in character (temple prostitutes). This is a form of devaluation by categorizing their job description and then using them outside the parameters of a moral union between man and woman in a covenant relationship.

Women are reclassified into multiple partner relationships of orgies, one nightstands, and/or temple prostitution which are all sexual in nature and ironically, sometimes used as a form of worship. This is satanic and opposite of God's ideal relationship between man and woman.

Women and sisters are to hold men and brothers in Christ accountable as head of the relationship and marriage. Women are to challenge MEN to be the sum total of Scripture when they are the hierarchical head of the family and in authority over them.

Women are the steel that sharpens YOUR sword. You are the steel that sharpens her sword. Are your swords battles ready? Serve and be served; submitting one to another in humility. When you want to be first and in charge, then you must become he who is last and servant of all. This was God's ordained plan from the beginning. The evil one has seriously cheated men and women in this area!

When presenting yourself to God, you cannot go to Him without your woman. Your righteousness is connected to hers. God sees BOTH OF YOU as one. How you TREAT her is a reflection of who you are. God sees her as one with you, so when you look in the mirror, there she is! You cannot be holy and treat her poorly because it reflects your image to God.

Men should be kind, answer softly, consider her feelings, needs and desires, be willing to be wrong, not afraid to admit mistakes; and be willing to serve selflessly as Jesus did. Then, it is possible that the road ahead of you will be easier for you, because with God's help blessing you through your wife, you both can grow and change to conquer the battles you will face.

We must be willing clay in the Maker's hand and to be molded into a vessel that He will inhabit and joyfully fellowship with us in!

Do you think you have a favorable report card? You can ask your wife if she thinks you are Jesus to her—and if she does not fear reprisal, you can anticipate everything she says with peace and grace.

If you do not receive a favorable report card then chew on what she says for a while and determine why you are flunking "Christ the Servant 101." You may need to go back to school, study for understanding, and get ready to take your re-test.

It is hard to change our thinking and to realize we have been duped and sometimes willingly so. But women hold your men accountable, and recognize your value and worth to God's gospel and kingdom. Do not let a man tell you your position in this world. God is the one who is true and everyman a liar! (Romans 3:4)

Men do not worry about what other men think. How you treat your wife is between you and God; and other men only need to worry about themselves and if Jesus is pleased with them. Your wife's favor is a confirmation that you are sincerely trying to be all that Jesus has called you to be to your woman.

Women and men need to recognize the truth of God and then practice it no matter what it may cost them in the eyes of their fellow peers. If you please God (i.e. Jesus) then that is all that matters.

Do not show respect, honor, and admiration to outsiders (i.e. secretary, boss, or friends) over your spouse. Treat your spouse with the same consideration and manners you would as with a co-worker...as co-equal male and female. Listen, serve, and treat her well.

Some men believe that how they treat their women in public is who they really are, but the way you are at home is who you really are, and you cannot fool God or your family.

God sees in secret and He knows who you are, and will judge your actions whether they are right or wrong according to His Word. Remember, treat her the same as you would another man or woman, and treat her even better then you want to be treated yourself. Should we be respecters of persons if God is not?

Colossians 3:25 teaches that each of us alone receives the punishment or reward for our sins. Priest, president, servant, or king will not be favored above another. God speaks to masters and slaves. Ephesians 6:9 says "... do to others as you would want them to do unto you."

God addresses the world in its fallen state...master and slave could equate to today's boss and worker, or teacher and student. Sometimes employees have no choice for which they work; but if a boss is a proclaimed Christian, he had better treat his workers without regard to financial status or position in society, because God will award us accordingly.

The thinking and traditions of the times in which Jesus lived considered women to be sub-class citizens. Traditions based on civilizations that existed before were man-made and imperfect. In Scripture, you will always find that women were strong in battles, in prophesying, in risking their lives, and in changing the outcome of the world through their choices, behavior, and obedience to God.

When Christ came, He introduced the idea of women worshiping and working alongside the men in the spreading of the gospel. He was the living example of how we should serve the other and be servant to all.

"Wherefore now let the fear of the Lord be upon you; take heed and do it: for there is no iniquity with the Lord our God, nor <u>respect of persons</u>, nor taking of gifts." (2 Chronicles 19:7)

"Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present (i.e. apostles, women and others) before God, to hear all things that are

commanded thee of God. ³⁴⁾ Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, 'Of a truth <u>I perceive that</u> God is no respecter of persons.'" (Acts 10:33-34)

"For there is no respect of persons with God." (Romans 2:11)

"And if ye call on the Father, who without <u>respect</u> of persons judgeth according to <u>every man's</u> (i.e. humans) work, pass the time of your sojourning (temporary stay on earth) here in fear."(1 Peter 1:17)

When we humble ourselves, God lifts us up!

CHAPTER 6

JESUS CHRIST LOVED THE CHURCH and GAVE

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and GAVE himself for it; 29) For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth (to grow, encourage, strengthen, and develop) and cherisheth (show great love, care for, free, privilege highly, and remember) it, even as the Lord the church." (Ephesians 5:25)

GAVE: (Strong's G3860 - paradidōmi) 1) to give into the hands (of another); 2) to give over into (one's) power or use: a) to deliver to one something to keep, use, take care of, b) deliver up one to custody, to be judged, condemned, punished, scourged, tormented, put to death, c) to deliver up treacherously; 3) by betrayal to cause one to be taken; 4) to deliver one to be taught, molded; 5) to commit, to commend.

SUMMARY: MAN gives himself, delivers himself, his care into her hands. Christ gave Himself over into the hands of God.

Colossians 3:19 "Husbands, love [your] wives, and be not BITTER AGAINST them." (This is a command and not a request.)

BITTER: (Strong's G4089 - pikros) 1) bitter; 2) metaphysically harsh, virulent. AGAINST: (Strong's G4314 - pros) before another, as one follows, superiority, pre-eminence, PREFERENCE (to oneself).

HER: (Strong's G1438 - heautou) Gave himself up for her! This is in the 3rd person singular. In addition, it is also plural to denote that the agent and the person acted on are the same: as ourselves, yourselves, their; in other words "One Flesh."

"Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light (understanding, wisdom). 15) See then that ye walk circumspectly (observing every precept of God), not as fools, but as wise, 16) Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17) Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is...20) Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; 21) Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God." (Ephesians 5:14-21)

GAVE: (Strong's G5228) 1) In behalf of, for the sake of; 2) Over, beyond, more than the other.

CIRCUMSPECTLY: (Strong's G196 - akribēs) the most precise and rigorous in interpreting of the Mosaic Law, and in observing even the more minute precepts of the Law and its traditions.

SUBMITTING: (Strong's G5021) agree upon: appoint mutually (the whole counsel of God and not just a Scripture here and a chapter there.) Take the whole council of God in order to understand the deeper things of the LORD. The woman and the man submit themselves and

humble themselves in a godly way to whatever God is doing. Men submit themselves to the happiness of their family unit as do the women. This is equal submission to each other and before the Lord.

WE ARE ALL MADE KINGS AND PRIESTS

There is no gender in heaven and marriages between men and women will not take place because we individually are each the bride of Christ. (Matthew 25:1-3, 5-7, 9-11; Revelation 19:8-10) There will be "ONE" marriage supper of the Lamb. Jesus Christ is the bridegroom, and we are His bride!

"And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father..." (Revelation 5:10)

"And we shall reign on the earth..." (Revelation 1:6)

MEN and WOMEN individually are equal in the eyes of God; and will reign equally in submission to God as kings and priests on the earth!

KINGS: (Strong's G935 – basileus) leader of the people (women and men), prince/angelic, commander, lord of the land, king [notion of foundation of power].

PRIESTS: (Strong's G2409 – hiereus) referring to priests of Gentiles or the Jews as a metaphor: purified by the blood of Christ and brought into close intercourse with God, they devote their life to Him alone and to Christ. The root of PRIESTS from (Strong's G2413 – hiero) sacred, consecrated to the deity, pertaining to God.

We do not go to heaven with our husband, boyfriend, or boss; but we are redeemed as a virgin bride to Jesus. Men and women come together in His body (temple) one as the Bride of Christ. (II Corinthians 11:2; Matthew 25:10)

Men and women will be kings and priests who will rule over kingdoms, nations, and peoples (i.e. men and women) on the earth. We are already given these titles even now so giving up on life or marriage is not an option for a disciple of Christ. Those who give up on their earthly marriage/betrothal and/or their marriage covenant with Jesus have not fought the good fight and have not finished the race, nor crossed the finish line where the prize awaits. Many kingdoms on earth have had valiant leaders who have fought to keep their kingdoms safe and protected. Fight for your kingdom!

Now past tense is just that, you cannot change the past but you can change the future. If you are considering a divorce or separation...STOP IT! You are able to be like Christ and to become those things you should have been, but were not. Dwell on the way Jesus lived, how He treats you in your walk, and what God's Word says on how to treat others. All of Scripture is a witness to the Truth.

Change yourself, be the servant and do not give up...sacrifice your rights for the kingdom and your marriage. There are no promises that it will all work out, but all things are possible with Jesus Christ.

God created us for fellowship with Him. Jesus Christ is the Servant to the Father, but He is not inferior to Him. Women are under the men in rank, but not inferior to them. If man is a spiritual leader, what kind of example should he be? If women are under the authority of men, then who is responsible for the marriage?

If you are in a relationship but unmarried and/or considering marriage, remember as far as intimacy goes (i.e. SEX), if you are participating in the perks of sexual union, you are either fornicating or committing adultery. This is never acceptable to God. According to Scripture, fornicators and adulterers will not inherit the kingdom of God.

If you made a mistake and have repented and turned back to Him, and sought His will then that would be different because God sees the motives of your heart as to whether they be godly or not, sin or a mistake.

You want to be a king then act like it because only a true king will emulate Jesus Christ. You should have a working knowledge of the Bible and must use the Bible as your compass. Study the Bible, which is your tool to learn how to follow perfect directions to be a righteous leader, and rule like Jesus who is "King of Kings."

"...for I (Paul) have not kept back to declare unto you all the counsel of God. 28) Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church/body of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood. 29) For I know this that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you (church), not sparing the flock." (Acts 20:27-29)

"Moreover if thy brother/brethren/fellow Christian shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy <u>brother</u>." (Mathew 18:15 & 1 Peter 3:7)

We are all overseers of the Church--the body of Christ, and this body has sisters and brothers within it; and each believer is the Temple in which God indwells. (1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19)

Husband and wife, you are to inform your spouse when something he or she has done and said to you or another has trespassed against you or them. This gives them an opportunity to rectify their sin, and this gains back your brother or sister in the Lord. This is steel sharpening steel, do not be easily offended! Listen in honesty and value their concerns and opinions, even if they may not value you. We are to keep each other accountable. With humility and love you can tell another that they are sinning, even if you have to do it in righteous anger like Jesus did in the temple with the merchants. Just remember that you too can fail, so be willing to be accountable for your own actions and words; and be prepared to accept responsibility for your sin if someone brings it to your attention.

WE ARE IMPERFECT FOR A REASON. Christian women should not want to be liberated from Christian men, or want to be seen as superior in any way to man (this smacks of pride and vanity). Women are not to dominate or lord over men. No, we were created for a purpose and dominating a man is not it. This is not pleasing to God. Both men and women were created imperfect to keep them from falling into the sin of pride as Satan fell. For in the beginning Satan was created perfect, but he puffed up with pride. Satan aspired to be like God and considered himself better than God. How far the mighty has fallen!

When God created man He created him to need certain qualities that only a God-created woman could give him. God gives men these lacking traits back to him through women. She has what he lacks.

Women also have been created imperfect and incomplete without certain attributes that are exclusively given to men. Even though men and women may have similarities and may share some of the same gifts, women and men are significantly different for a reason. The reason being that we need each other to be One!

Even with men and women having similar qualities, usually we find that opposites attract. Ever wonder about that? It is also well known that opposites who are initially attracted of each other struggle to stay together when the "honeymoon" is over. God designed us to actually strive to learn to understand the mind and thoughts and hearts of our spouses. Yes! It is work, but so worth it in the long run!

God did not want man or woman as an island unto themselves, even though one might want to live so. Society is betting on your divorce! Lots of money to be made at your expense! When you both understand that working together in humility, kindness and love toward each other creates unity...WOW! How powerful could your prayers be when you two are gathered together as one against your enemy?

As kings and priests who will rule over the heavens and the earth one day, rein in error and reign in Truth!

The problem with a king or a ruler is that usually they want to be worshiped and adored as God. They want something done, and for us to do it! Kings (and Queens) down through history have written their names in bloody fame on the backs of their constituents!

It is the same with many men who are not satisfied with just being in charge or governing in the fear of the LORD; they want to be idolized as Lord.

THIS IS NOT BIBLICAL! There is only one Lord and God. Remember also that Christ makes us all Kings and Priests...However, if a woman so chooses to call you Lord, be humbled. (Women inherit the promises too! Revelation 1:6, 5:10)

"And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed, us from our sins in his own

blood, 6) and <u>hath made us kings and priests</u> unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen!" (Revelation 1:5-6)

"The Spirit itself bearish witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: 17) And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. 18) For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." (Romans 8:16-18)

An heir inherits all the wealth of the father, and if we are all children then women and men alike will inherit what Papa God has always intended we should have. Women are fellow heirs in all things. Not inferior, but equal. Women are JOINT HEIRS.

1 Peter 3:7: "...and grant her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life..."

HONOR: (Strong's G5092) - a valuing by which the price is fixed a) of the price itself, b) of the price paid or received for a person or thing bought or sold; honor, which belongs or is shown to one a) of the honor, which one has because of rank and state of office, which he holds, b) deference, reverence; a fellow heir, a joint heir, one who obtains something assigned to him with others, a joint participant.

JOINT HEIR: (Strong's G4789) -She is equal to man and both subjected one to the other.

A man might think he is king of his castle, but his headship has been given...GIVEN to him by One who rules over him, and if he tries to rule over others in the <u>likeness of mere man</u>, he will fail to reflect God. If he <u>rules</u> as Christ "A Servant of All," he will succeed.

When a husband dies, he does not bring his wife with him to heaven or hell, he dies alone. Each of us goes alone, and each of us is accountable before God. We will not be ruled over by our husbands in heaven, but we will ruled by God and reign with Christ together with Him.

In heaven, there will be God's government, and God will appoint kings and priests to reign over the people on the earth.

"For it is a trustworthy statement: for if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him; If we endure, we shall also <u>reign with him</u> (as kings and priests): If we are faithless, He remains faithful; for He cannot deny Himself." (2 Timothy 2:11-13)

"Then the sovereignty, power, and greatness of all the kingdoms under heaven will be handed over to the <u>holy people/saints</u> (i.e. men and women) of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey him." (Daniel 7:27).

"And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose," (Matthew 27:52)

"Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints?" "Do ye not know that the saints shall <u>judge the world</u>? In addition, if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?" (Corinthians 6:1-2)

SAINTS: (Strong's G40) -Most holy thing, religious awe, reverence, incomparable majesty, persons who services God employs, prophets, partakers of salvation in the kingdom of God, sacrifices and offerings, sacred, chaste, modest, pure from every fault, clean, to cherish with tender love.

FRIENDS AND SERVANTS

I find this wonderful that Jesus just doesn't equate us to royalty and to saints and to servants, but He calls us friends!

"Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you <u>friends</u>; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you." (John 15:15)

<u>Friend's</u> - philos-companion, bridegroom's friend, associate, loyal to Jesus interests, favored with God's intimacy.

SERVANT one who gives himself up to another's will; those whose service is used by Christ in extending and advancing His cause among men, a slave, attendant.

With each other, let us think of each other as royalty, understand that we are each holy, serve each other willingly, and act with each other as friends.

CHAPTER 7

TO BE SILENT IN CHURCH

Research of Greek pagan worship yielded information about wealthy and elite women who were rather brash, bossy and loud during gatherings. This disruptive practice carried over into the early church. Paul, in particular, counteracted by telling early Christian worshipers that women needed to act orderly within the church services. One of those ways was to sit quietly during the service and if they had any questions, to save those for later to ask their husbands at home so that there would be no interruptions in the service. As mentioned earlier Paul was also concerned by some men acting out of order as well.

This was teaching the early Christians how to create an atmosphere for learning for all; and to help these new believers transition from pagan practices to the worship of the one true God, and His Son Jesus the Messiah-Christ.

We have been taught all our Western-centric life that a woman cannot teach because of an incorrect understanding of I Timothy 2:1-15. If we understand that these were cultural issues Paul was addressing then we can begin to have a greater discernment into the mind and heart of God for His worshipers.

Many of these letters written to the churches were admonitions and warnings to change the way they worshiped and practiced so as to reflect the true gospel that they had received. In Revelation, it talks much about the woes of mixing paganism with Christianity.

There was one teaching that Eve was created before Adam and that she actually created Adam. Some of the Greek women were going around teaching this false doctrine even within the church.

In the temples of Diana, if there was a male attendant, he had to be castrated and emasculated first before he could even serve. He even had to dress in female garb. Many men were even killed or murdered on the altar by these high priestesses as a sacrifice to the goddess Diana.

Prophecy, most likely by demonic spirits, was spoken aloud at the same time in gibberish, and/or in a trance. Many times the priestesses stripped naked when they did these trance rituals; hence, the part where Paul says women should dress in modest apparel. This had nothing to do with women wearing long sleeves on longer dresses, bonnets or caps!

What Paul is actually saying here is, women should dress modestly (cover their nakedness). The woman should learn (or approach the Word of God in silence and submission, not with preconceived ideas and rituals as before). Men should have the same attitude.

One way First Timothy 2:12-13 could be read is like this:

"I do not allow a woman to teach or proclaim herself to be the author (or creator) of Man, or to LORD OVER MAN, because Adam was first formed...then Eve."

The Jewish custom was that women had to sit in another room with the children apart from the men when they had temple services. Many of the Gentile women came from the temple worship of Diana and paganism. These women were free to talk aloud, prophesy, and speak gibberish (not by the Holy Spirit) within their services.

After Jesus came and "SET THE (WOMEN) CAPTIVES FREE," Paul represented this freedom by including ALL people in the same room free to worship, to teach, and to be in fellowship together.

The women, not being used to this were abruptly talking, speaking in tongues, prophesying aloud, and abruptly asking their husbands questions (lacking order), many of these women were still committed to old pagan worship.

These accepted practices or rituals were now being removed by Paul, and he would reveal a better way, a new way under Jesus Christ. Paul is saying that until a woman learns about the Gospel and proper behavior and worship-- she must not presume to teach until her illiteracy is gone.

Paul was simply telling them to be quiet in the services and wait until they got home to ask their husbands questions. Thank God for Jesus and Paul. If Paul could see how men have twisted his words, he would NOT be happy.

Paul was defining the transition from pagan worship to the worship of the holy God and Jesus His Son. Worship of Artemis/Diana conducted under the authority of an entirely female priesthood; that exercised authoritarian, dictatorial, and undemocratic dominion over male worshipers was a system that was dying and would eventually fade away to the annals of history.

Remember, when Christ came, old laws and pagan worship was still in effect mixed in with the traditions of men at that time. He came to remove the old and to call us to the new all the while calling us to do things in order, and defining how this was to be accurately.

Jesus was sensitive to the difficulty this would be, but we are to remember that all Scripture is given as a whole, and witnesses to the Truth in and of the Gospel. Proper worship of God and in all things we do-- must be in the fear of the Lord and to line up with His Word!

Related Scripture:

"Yea, all of you be <u>subject one to another</u>, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble." (1 Peter 5:5)

All (male and female) of you are to obey, be under obedience to, put under, subdue, and submit yourselves to "one another"...and be clothed with humility: for God resists the proud, and gives grace to the humble.

THE "SECRET" WEAPON

Consider yourselves informed believers as you read further by receiving new research for this important revelation and unveiling of God's desire for men and women to understand.

We have been brainwashed by the traditions of men, books, and the desires of others to keep the status quo by not investigating the Word of God further. Men are content to believe the way things have always been, and women feel like rebels for thinking otherwise.

Women were created with different emotions and traits so as to make her a better mom and homemaker; but women of the Bible were also prophets, deacons, and leaders of armies...not to mention, leaders of men. (OT: Miriam, Deborah, Huldah, Noadiah, and Isaiah's wife; NT: Anna, Daughter of Philip, Phoebe, Abigail, and Elizabeth, etc.)

Women were also the first to see Jesus resurrected and women have a greater faith, percentagewise, then men. God knew this, but He was also making a point to the men, that women were important in the revelation of Jesus by choosing them to be the first to discern Him rising from the dead!

Women, see yourself not just as a house helper, even though you may keep the house; but also as an actual military co-commander, co-worker, and defender, etc.

Women are to fight in the war against Satan in whatever form he takes--whether in flesh or spirit, government or other. Women, you are a special "SECRET WEAPON" given to men in this battle; and fellow laborers with Jesus Christ for the spreading of the gospel.

Your opinion, discernment, and council to others are just as valuable as an army major's opinion, discernment, and council would be to his commander. Man is in a leadership position of final decision making when the direction is not clear and it is time for a decision. There has to be a Commander-in-Chief of any corporation, government, or military. When all Intel has been gathered and discerned, then we proceed ahead as the Lord directs our steps!

Women can be a man's spiritual compass, just as God is hers. If we ignore the information God is showing us to guide us, both may get lost! We together as one keep the other on the straight path heading towards the same goal and destination. Each individual is accountable in the end to the Lord God for all our choices and behavior; however, I am glad that He has clothed us with His garment of righteousness.

It is not about being perfect, but about being sincere from the heart (and God knows) to do what is right, make right choices, behave properly and be holy as He is holy. We will fail at times, but you must know that God/Jesus looks on the heart of man, and not on the works.

"A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things." (Matthew 12:35)

"For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12)

Man ultimately carries more responsibility because he was made the head, and will answer to God for his behavior, just as the General of the Army is accountable for the entire army in and of itself, and holds the gravity of this responsibility close to his heart.

Woman answers to God for her behavior towards her man, but in the end her man must be as Jesus to her, and his behavior accountable in that he shows the works, behavior, and humility to lead in a godly manner.

Why is this important? This is how God set it up with His purposes in mind. To be in perfect union with God we must be in harmony and union with each other, and especially within the family. This is really a challenge and a war that is always present.

Have these phrases ever popped into your head? Have you heard these phrases or something similar? Have you spoken these phrases to your one time spouse? "Because you never measured up as I would have liked I have now found a new person to be mine who listens to me and laughs at my jokes, or treats me as I deserve." or "You do not make me happy anymore, and I just do not love you anymore, so I am moving on."

Would Jesus do this to anyone of His Bride? No, of course not! Even when we have sinned against Him Jesus still upholds His promises, His oaths, and His vows to us.

Jesus is so full of grace and mercy that He could never decide to leave us for another even though we may have left Him for another!

Jesus (who is God) patterns to us, and says to suck it up and carry your cross! He is tough but He leads gently, pleading with His bride to bear her burdens as He has, to seek peace and give grace, forgiveness, and love to each other. He pleads to us to come back to Him, to love Him only, to seek Him only.

This is the example Jesus gives the man and woman, especially in the area of how a man is to be towards a woman. Because of her rank, he is not to be judgmental, prideful, or self-centered; but righteous, good and selfless like Jesus.

Jesus washed the disciple's feet, and then was betrayed, slapped on the face, beaten, and ultimately crucified. Jesus was and is willing to go to prison, starve, and die to win us over to Himself. Jesus Christ/Messiah did not throw His hands in the air and give up when the apostles denied Him...no, He finished the race and now gives us the prize of His goodness, salvation, love, and Holy Spirit.

When they spit in His face, yelled at Him, and cursed and hit Him, what was His response while hanging on that cross? He said, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

Should we not do the same for each other especially the ones we brought into our own personal fold and family...the ones we wooed into our embrace?

The "<u>Secret Weapon</u>" has been carefully concealed, hidden away, absent, mislaid, omitted, and/or misplaced...she has been veiled from the eyes of man, has been a type of <u>covert</u> cover-up disguised from man's view and understanding. Women too are hidden ones!

Women have had a figurative (and in some places, not so figurative) veil over their faces placed there by the traditions of mankind; and with the help of Satan's minions, women have continued to be the unrevealed weapon in the Army of God.

You women were made to be the "Help Meet" sword in the hand of men...a missile, an arrow sent to rise up against an enemy, a hammer that arms men and the church to send away the enemy, and/or one who informs others as a messenger does. Women were meant to contend against evil, to injure, defeat, attack, and to defend against an opponent or enemy (Satan, or other earthly threats).

Just as the man fights in the spiritual so does the woman on every level.

Men, your help meet is so much more to you then you have ever understood. She is helping you in the war against evil and is helping God's people and family. She supports you and encourages you while leading the way as well. This is not un-biblical for her to do!

Women are engaging evil wherever they find it. She is acting as a defender and shield, yet being humble to realize that she is still a sinner who needs forgiveness and direction from the Holy Spirit.

Satan has been successful (through human pride and other self-centered emotions) in keeping woman traditionally conventional for his own tactical reasons. Truth is that she is God's weapon of choice and the completion of man; therefore, it is right for women and men to search this out, and to utilize God's Secret Weapon for its true value in the war against the enemy!

"Helper" in Greek (Strong's G998) is succor: a cry of joy, pain or a call of those imploring vengeance; implore his aid. "Help Meet" (Strong's <u>H5828</u>) is help or succor; one who helps, aider.

This is an amazing assignment that women were given to be the helpmeet of men...to help shield, surround, defend and protect him; to be a co-worker in the field of the world bringing in the harvest as an equal; and to help judge the world in righteousness.

Woman is a picture of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter that Jesus/God sent to us to instruct us and to teach us all things. She has always had more discernment and holiness then men.

Woman today seems to be waiting on man to take the spiritual leadership in the family; yet she has all the tools she needs to do this herself. Once a woman begins to take on leadership roles she must also understand that God has a hierarchy that she needs to respect, and to be aware that

she is not to boss, lord over, or dictate to man in pride or arrogance, especially if she is a business owner and has male employees.

Men, what if your woman is not a believer, or one who is not walking in the Spirit, but in the flesh...rises up and goes to war for her! Do not judge by the outward appearance of things. The battle for you both is in the spiritual realm, in prayer, and in choices you make daily in how to respond in grace to her.

"For we <u>wrestle</u> (a contest between two in which each endeavors to throw the other, and which is decided when the victor is able to hold his opponent down with his hand upon his neck; a struggle with powers of evil; to scatter; violent strike or thrust, push; a driving force; to provoke or egg on) <u>not</u> against FLESH and BLOOD, but against principalities, against powers, against the <u>rulers of the darkness</u> of this <u>world</u> (Satan is prince of this world), against spiritual wickedness in high places." (Ephesians 6:12)

<u>Exodus18:4</u> "... for the <u>God</u> of my father, said he, was mine help, (Strong's H5828) and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh..."

<u>Deuteronomy 33:26</u> "...the <u>God</u> of Jeshurun, who rideth upon the heaven in thy help, (Strong's H5828) and in his Excellency on the sky."

<u>Deuteronomy 33:29</u> "Happy art thou, O Israel (God's people): who is like unto thee, O people saved by the LORD, the <u>shield</u> of thy <u>help</u>, (Strong's H5828) and <u>who is the sword of thy Excellency!</u>"

Psalm 33:20 "Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he is our help (Strong's H5828) and our shield.

(Other verses for Help as in Help Meet)- Psalm 70:5, 115:9, 121:2, 146:5; Ezekiel 12:14

<u>Help</u> is used here speaking as coming from God; but woman is also man's help (given from God) just like God. What kind of attributes does God have as our help? He is our shield, our sword, He saves us to name a few...you too can search this out.

CHAPTER 8

PROVERBS 31 WOMAN

<u>Proverbs 31</u> is considered to be the chapter in the Bible that defines the ideal woman, and the ideal church. Yet it is impossible for woman or the church to become all these virtuous qualities without the Holy Spirit within. Also, it shows how we fall short in every aspect of our lives to live up to the holiness of our savior. That is why we need a savior because in our flesh we cannot be righteous or perfect without Jesus sacrifice for us. He is what makes us acceptable.

Let's take a closer look at this Proverb in the Old Testament to learn more about this type of ideal awesome, wow! Woman. I will break down and analyze the Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic root word parts.

"Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. 11) The heart of her husband doth safely trust (Strong's H982 – batach: to throw oneself, or one's care on her, to be secure, to fear nothing for oneself, security of the righteous, confide, to trust) in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. 12) She will do (H1580 – gamal: give, to shew one (good or evil) 'God repaid me according to my righteousness,' to wean an infant, to produce warmth, to cherish, to deal fully with) him good and not evil all the days of her life. 13) She seeketh (H1875 - darash: to consult, inquire of, seek God [with a demand], ask for, practice, study, to allow oneself to be inquired of, to polish, beat, trample, to inquire about miracles, to vindicate, punish, to avenge) wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. 14) She is like the merchants' (H5503 – cachar: to go about in trade, to go about (in business) trader, trafficker, to travel about, to go around, the king's merchant, to journey, a female merchant) ships; she bringeth her food from afar. 15) She riseth (H6965 – quwm: to rise, stand up, endure to be fixed, to be proven, to be fulfilled, to confirm, ratify, establish, [arise!], to grant aid, to arise against anyone, to rise as a witness against anyone [including husband/man] to grow up and become a man, to oppose him, to stand fast, to remain, to persevere in anything, to make valid, to confirm) also while it is yet night, and gives meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. 16) She considereth (H2161 – zamam: to have a thought, devise, plan, to have in mind, to bind to tie together) a field, and buys it (H3947 – lagach: take, fetch, get, seize, snatch away, carry away married, buy, take possession, take vengeance): with the fruit of her hands (H3709 – kaph: spoon, branches, clouds, vessel [as hollow] power, bend down, bow down, to hollow, selfless, to submit to someone), she plants a vineyard (to plant, fasten, fix, establish, to set anything/him upright, as in 'I will plant them and not pluck them up,' to pitch a tent [of heaven]). 17) She girdeth (H2296 – chagar: appointed, be afraid, to put on a belt as armor [truth], a sword, with strength, who bear arms), her loins with strength, and strengthens her arms. 18) She perceiveth (H2938 – ta`am: to taste, eat, try the flavor, to perceive mentally or spiritually) that her merchandise is good: her candle goes not out by night. 19) She layeth (H7971 - shalach: sends away, sends, direct, to let go, set free, to shoot forth [branches-children] workers, to inform by messenger, to command anything

to anyone, to dismiss, give in marriage, to accompany one departing, to expel to cast out, divorce, to be forsaken, to be cast out, to be fallen) her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. 20) She stretcheth out (H6566 – paras: to spread out, break in pieces, to break bread to anyone [give], spread or stretch out the hands in prayer, disperse, give bountifully) her hand to the poor; yea, she reaches forth her hands to the needy. 21) She is not afraid (H3372 – yare: fear, afraid, or awed, be dreadful, astonished) of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet. 22) She maketh (H6213 - asah: deal, execute, work, offer, maintain, put in order, observe, celebrate, to be offered, to work in gold and silver [good works] to produce by labour, a ship, an altar, bricks, to work miracles, to make a living, riches, used of God pre-arranging future events, to spend life well, to appoint anyone to an office, to wage war with, to do the law and commandments, to practice right, justice and virtue) herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple. 23) Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land. 24) She maketh fine linen, and sells it (H4376 - makar: to sell oneself, to be sold, seller, a daughter in marriage, to sell oneself as a slave, to sell a people, possession, private property); and delivers girdles unto the merchant. (bestow, grant, permit, ascribe, employ, devote, consecrate, dedicate, pay wages, sell, exchange, lend, commit, entrust, weep, withdraw, yield, belt, an apron, put on a belt, with strength a sword, restrain on every side). 25) Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. 26) She opens (H6605 – pathach: to open as the eyes, to speak, to utter words, to sell grain, to open oneself [of a flower], to loose oneself from bonds, to engrave, cut, incise, and rough copy or draft, to carve, inscribe, shape wood, firewood, kindle [stir up, promote, inspire, awaken, and ignite]) her mouth with wisdom...27) She looks well to the ways of her household...30)... but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. (H1984 – halal: glory, boast, shine, rage, celebrate, give, renowned, sing, public rejoicing, 'praise ye Jehovah', 'when God made his light to shine,' 'they madly confide in idols') 31) Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works (H4639 – ma`aseh: business, labour, pursuit, and achievements, product, undertaking) praise her in the gates." (Proverbs 31:10-31)

Here are some words and phrases explained further from this passage (some of which are not included in the above passage):

<u>And honor</u> – ornament, splendor, beauty, excellence, magnificence, comeliness, majesty, goodly, to honor, adorn, glorify, be high, in greatness of strength "like Jesus at his coming."

<u>She opens</u> – She loosed, engraved, put off, appear, breaks forth, sets forth, to open oneself, let go, free, have vent, declare, utter, to open the mouth, to sing, to eat or to speak, to open, unblock, liberate anyone's ear, she reveals to him, used of God to free a captive from prison, to lead, to open oneself like a flower, to loose, unfastened, and releases oneself from bonds, limitless, uninhibited, emancipated, and liberated.

<u>She looks well</u> – spy, keep watch, observe, to shine, to be bright, to enlighten with the eyes, used of a tower which has a wide view, watchmen, used of prophets, to see and judge between,

selected or destined for the sword, to observe accurately as in "I expect divine aid, I look to God."

<u>And call her blessed</u> – make progress, go straight, lead, pronounce happy, relieve, call blessed, guide, to be honest, prosper, signifying firmness and strength, lead into the right way, make the oppressed happy.

<u>Daughters</u> – village, town, children, branches, company, eye, first, apple, owl (used for either sex), to cry out, pay attention, greediness, and gluttony, because or on account of "thou hast done this thing."

But a woman – wife, female, virgin of any age.

<u>That feareth</u> – reverent, afraid, religious, and pious, to stand, remain, continue, rest, and endure, bear some person or thing, tremble, and withstand and be in awe of God as in he who would "fear God and fly from evil."

<u>Give</u> - lay, grant, suffer, bring, yield, utter, send, appoint, show, employ, consecrate, pay wages, yield produce, report, mention, assign, designate, to be given, be bestowed, be provided, be entrusted to, be granted to, be permitted, be issued, be published, be uttered, be assigned, to be set, be put, be made, be inflicted, to deliver into the power of anyone, lift up, occupy, ordain, charge, consider, recompense, requite, restore, trade, cry, weep, withdraw to God, willingly, yield, to have compassion, give also as in also to TEACH (Proverbs 9:9: "give to a wise man wisdom, and he will be still wiser."), to make a covenant, of judgment merely, to hold anyone for so and so, (i.e. to judge him as such of the kind, character, degree, or extent, something stated, implied, or exemplified.)

<u>Her of the fruit</u> – reward, produce (of the grounds), offspring (children of the womb), fruit of actions, the result of labor, or endeavor: "Ye shall eat the fruit of your hands," shall experience the results, it is the fruit of the sky and clouds, crop, outgrowth, manufacture, create, fabricate and construct, build, concept, theory, idea or hypothesis, compose, form and piece together, to bear fruit as a plant or tree (individual)...Root: increase, grow, bring fruit, make fruitful, (Note: also fruit is the harvest of souls) as bringing the fruit into the barn, a litter, a chariot, to be born swiftly, to run, and increase with offspring: (Jesus is increased with offspring [his people]).

of her hands – power, places, joint (two elements joined), thee, coast, side, consecrate, replenish, accomplish, fulfill, gather, overflow, be ended to satisfy, to confirm, to complete, to mass themselves against, to fill a vacant space: "fill your hand to YAHWEH with gifts to be offered to Him," "who has filled his heart with boldness, and her time was fulfilled for bearing," "her time to bring forth arrived", used of desire or mind being filled (Ecclesiastes 6:7), to be filled with iron, arms, used to be armed, fenced (2 Samuel 23:7), to fill up or complete a number, to do anything fully, strongly, to follow the Lord fully, "he has filled them with wisdom of heart," to fill one's hand with a bow (weapon), mutually to fill each other out (Job 16:10), to attack with united strength.

and let her own works – work, acts, doing, art, labour, deed, achievement, product, undertaking, enterprise, works (of deliverance and judgment), occupation, business, generally property, transaction, (work of YAHWEH). Root: observe, celebrate, to produce, to prepare, to work, to deal, fashion, accomplish, make, to attend, put in order, to appoint, ordain, and institute, govern, be industrious, journey, labour, sacrifice, serve, to work in gold and silver, to manufacture, to fabricate, to erect a booth (i.e. place of business), those who make wages, hired servants (i.e. employee), to keep a festival day, to appoint anyone to an office, to wage war with, to give or grant peace to anyone, to do anything with or to anyone evil or good, sexual intercourse.

<u>Praise</u> – glory, boast, shine (of God's favor), commend, fool, rage, celebrate, give, marriage, renowned, be worthy of praise, to be brilliant, public rejoicing, (to sing to God), make ashamed those who are mad against me, when God made his light to shine,

<u>her in the gates</u> – city, port, gate, palace, royal castle, temple, court of the tabernacle, heaven, marketplace, public meeting place, forum, in judgment, where citizens assembled, some for business, and some to sit at leisure, passages, to reason, estimate, calculate, and reason out, to set a price—think.

O' WOMAN-DEBORAH ARISE!

Here is a prophecy written by Elaine Tavolacci (a woman of God who was healed from cancer) from August 2015 found in <u>Elijah's List</u>:

{She had a dream and a prophetic word in 2014, and I believe it confirmed what I was hearing from others that this book was needed, and indeed because as the world begins to worship the "goddess (es)" like Ishtar, Isis, Cybele, etc, God is raising up His women in holiness under His covering as He is head of woman and the Church. As God begins to counter this assault on Him, God is beginning to put His *chosen women* in their proper place in His kingdom here on earth to be *movers and shakers*, to answer His call to "arise and do the work of the Lord." The spirit of Jezebel and the worship of women have arisen, so we must counteract this ungodly spirit in this world. We must be the Deborah's who are arising.}

"The Lord says, I am rising up the Women-Deborah's who will be <u>leaders</u> in the days ahead. They will become my voice as they carry My prophetic word to the nations. As they release My word, it will be as honey, bringing revelation. They will be righteous judges of the land, and bring a word of morality to the nations. They will move in great authority with signs following. As they set the captives free (including women), it will bring conviction and transformation. As the days grow darker, they will bring comfort to others as they distribute the milk and deliver the honey. They will shift the atmosphere wherever they go, as they worship, strongholds will be destroyed. They will instruct others how to walk, how to war, and how to resist temptation. They will bring direction to those who are compliant to My word and correction to those who are in rebellion. They will carry a clear stream of My river because they are not tainted by the influence of darkness. Their eyes are clear because they have not been defiled by unclean images.

These women will NO longer be dishonored or rejected as leaders. They will not be silenced any more by the church or by the media because I have placed My anointing upon them, and My authority within them. Do not refuse them as they will carry a two edged sword to divide the religious traditions of man from the truth of My word. They will bring clear distinction of the genuine prophetic word, uncover that which is deception, and counterfeit. This Women/Deborah's will arise and defeat the taskmasters and those who are oppressing the body of Christ. They will always be successful in annihilating and exposing the assignments of the enemy. They will walk in a spirit of love and forgiveness and will not take offense when being confronted with opposition. You will know them by their fruit as they release My word to the nations; bring deliverance and release those who are bound say the Lord."

"Awake, awake, Deborah! Awake, awake, sing a song! Arise, Barak, and lead your captive's away, O son of Abinoam!" (Judges 5:12) (Deborah led the armies of Israel to battle and won.)

I believe this book is given to the Deborah's of today that are arising. Elaine's prophetic word encouraged me to get this book out there because it addresses what God is planning to do in the days ahead and indeed now is doing when He begins to set the <u>captives free</u>, <u>and give women their kingdom assignment</u> from within their families and throughout the world.

NEW OPTIONS

Technology has made it possible through the internet to rediscover God's Word in ways that used to take months to research from dusty books. We now have instantaneous resources at our fingertips! Wow! The deeper things of God are not just for the theologian, priest, or pastor, but are now available to all if one is so inclined to search out a matter.

When God uses the terms men or mankind in the focus of His Scripture, it is not to the males only but to everyone who is a Christian, to everyone that has ears to hear.

1 Corinthians 7:17 says:

"But as God hath distributed to every man (Strong's G1538: each, every, everyone, you one by one, each one of you severally), as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk (to make one's way, progress; to make due use of opportunities, to live, to regulate one's life, to conduct oneself, as a companion or zealous worshiper, staunch believer or advocate, of the thing to which life is given, or consecrated, set apart, or called like a Nazarite for holiness, the standard to which one governs his life, the person or thing speaking, teaching or writing, hearing, knowing, ascertaining, thinking, deciding, doubting, and much more). And so ordain I (command, appoint, ordain, arrange and give order) in all churches (assembly, a gathering of citizens called out from their homes, a council for the purposes of deliberating, a company of Christians, an assembly of people, gathered for sacred purposes)."

When the Bible says <u>let every man</u>--it does not mean that women are excluded; it is the same word above for <u>everyone</u>, and includes everyone who believes and is given to each one individually. (Strong's G1538 – *hekastos*)

For those of us who as far back as we can remember believed that a woman's place was in the home and that permission for anything had to come from our husbands, this kingdom-minded teaching and way of being called from God to battle with our husbands, seems so new to us!

Unfortunately it still remains in our church culture and social structures that women (secular or religious) believe that we are to be subject to our husbands never challenging or disagreeing with the man; AND negating in the same breath Scriptures that call to us to be part of the brethren in the work of the Lord, as sisters in the Lord who are allowed to rebuke the brethren (i.e. "he" her brother in the Lord), and/or exhort and admonish them.

Where are the men who are standing on and proclaiming the Scripture that says we are to be subject one to another, or that God is <u>not</u> a respecter of persons, that we are not judged from the whole but individually?

So under the New Covenant, and with a new view on how God sees the woman what can we do differently?

Believers are the Body of Jesus Christ. This "Church" is the Temple of God where He dwells in both men & women! We are to submit to each other, seek God's will and realize that each are given assignments from God in which we are to proceed with wise counsel from our spouses and other believers.

If a couple has assignments from the Lord Jesus, but they also have children to rise, then these assignments may be put on hold for a time; and it has to be understood that all things take place in their proper time. Children or family should not be neglected, so realize that God's work will be done when He sets the availability to do this. Don't let yourself feel rushed to do what may not be time to do yet. Prayer is critical, and selflessness the rule to making Godly choices and assignments.

Do not be afraid to go against the traditions of men, the flow of the river, or what is politically correct at the time within the Church or society. You may have to swim against the tide and this will not be easy or widely accepted. Be a God-pleaser and grow in the knowledge that is available out there, and within this book.

Have a talk with your spouse and/or others, and give them an opportunity to speak up, and share more than just "Amen!" at the end of the prayers.

Most women want men to lead, and why not since God made him to be the head, the general of the troops? Let him take that responsibility, as long as he knows that he is not above the Scriptures that tell him how to live his life living in submission to Christ.

However, it should be in complete servant behavior like Jesus who led by washing the feet of others. In other words not needing to be the head, but the tail. Giving respect to those who were lower in society or position. In general like the woman.

The general trusts the other officers for important information regarding his troops, battles present and the war being waged. He listens, writes down, considers and ponders all that his advisers (which should include any women in his life) advise. In God's economy, his decisions should be made in concert with others. He is complete with her advise as it is intended being one in all things.

The Senate and Congress help to make laws, and help to keep the President from becoming a dictator. He cannot establish any laws without the input of other members of the government. Just because he is President does not give him license to ignore the rest of the people in his cabinet and go rogue. We are to partner with those whom God has given to us in our lives, to not think too highly of ourselves and miss what God is doing.

Remember that your spouse is to do the work of the Lord especially when God is calling him or her to serve in some fashion. Are you to say no? Or are you to pray and ask God for insight and confirmation on what to do next? Yes!

Is your marriage about you or about the Lord? If your spouse feels called to sell jewelry for a cause, should you allow this? That is the wrong question....the correct question is "should you pray about this and submit yourself to God?" Of course! You must begin to see each other not as an extension of yourselves, but as your help, defender, deliverer, priest, and co-compatriot, equal in God's eyes, with kingdom assignments. Your wife may be called to be more than just a wife and mother. She is under you in hierarchy but not unequal, and God will partner with her for His work as time permits.

If a woman believes that God is telling her something about the new job, neighborhood, your coworkers/secretary, the boss, or that God has given her a word for you, it is time to pay attention! If you do not, you are ignoring God and her.

Women, you are to be strong in the Lord as a helper to your husband; and as an individual disciple who is going into the entire world to share the Gospel with whoever will listen. Together or separate you can be a mover and shaker. You men are to allow this, to be humble and not to be jealous or in competition with her, you are not her rival but her coworker.

If you do not hear a word from God, but she does; then allow her to speak so the two of you can benefit from how God CHOOSES to direct your paths.

The devil knows that if he can keep you independent from the wisdom, discernment, and insight your wife or spouse has been given then he will have more opportunity to defeat you in this life. Make decisions together, take turns when needed...there is wisdom with many heads, leaders, supervisors, or persons in command.

Put on your listening ears. God is speaking. One kingdom assignment I was given in the 1990's was to raise godly children. This meant that I was going to home school them during a time when it was not at all popular. My husband encouraged me in this decision and calling to stay home to teach them as he worked outside the home. At the time our neighbors and extended

family thought us strange; in time, the wisdom of our choice proved to them the veracity of God's calling, because two of our children went to college on full ride scholarships (one was an All-American seven times, and inducted into the hall of fame at her Division II college, while the other became a football player in the top five in the nation on special teams! Our third born became a successful singer and TV personality and celebrity.)

We are just a normal family who listened to God with submission and humility to Him first and then to each other as husband and wife. God blessed us enormously for following His directions, and Kingdom assignments in a time when society deemed us against the grain. Do not do what is popular, but what is commanded by God to do.

Bow to God's wisdom. I felt I had the freedom to follow this calling to home school after studying about it and making sure that this is what God wanted for us as a family; and I felt free to talk to my husband about what I needed to do to make this happen. My husband is not a "lords it over a woman" kind of guy, and telling me what to do is not something he does except on occasion when he feels it is necessary. I am grateful he had enough wisdom and humility before God way back then to accept God's calling on my life as a stay-at-home mother and a home-school teacher.

Husbands, begin to listen more carefully to her as if you really do believe that God is speaking through her to you, because He probably is.

Women if you are married to a traditional believer then you will have to share what you have learned and humbly ask him to read up and search this matter out more diligently.

If your husband is an unbeliever who thinks you should be subject unto him in a subservient unequal way then you may have to admonish him that that is the traditions of man, and that under the New Covenant we are individually accountable, and that you are not unequal in speaking, ideas, teaching, working or in anything else.

Remember all things must be done with prayer, and many times fasting is needed for a breakthrough for God's Spirit to teach someone caught in the net of traditions of men.

<u>Voice of the Martyrs'</u> Richard Wurmbrand says that in a communistic, godless society, if you are asked to reveal where someone is hiding, you do not owe evil the Truth. (Rahab seemed to follow this wisdom when she hid the spies and she was considered righteous in God's eyes.)

"Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?" (James 2:25)

We are permitted by God to be sly as serpents when dealing with godless agencies, leaders and government entities that try to force us to tell them the truth so they can kill others. Remember how Rahab and countless other women like her who has protected the innocent against wickedness by following God's directives. Because Rahab did this it was counted as righteous and she and her household were saved

CLOSING THOUGHTS

Men and Women remember our battle is not against flesh and blood, but the principalities, rulers, dominions, or kingdoms that are spiritual and wicked. Our biggest weapon is prayer,

Arise O' Deborah, Sampson's, Elijah's, David's, and all Disciples of Jesus the Chosen of God. You who are predestined for great things rise up from the dead, ruined, and asleep. Recognize the enemy in every form of representation (Government, media, TV, pulpits, literature, schools, even the religious leaders, and churches, etc.), and do battle against the lies, half truths, and deceptions working in the church, government, the family, and ourselves.

Submit to the Lord and in so doing we submit to one another—there is now no Jew, Gentile or Greek, no male or female anymore; for we are all ONE in the Lord, the Saints who are to be made Kings and Priests. Working alongside each other to fulfill the will of the Lord in all humility and longsuffering, (i.e. forgiving, patient, accommodating, cooperative, helpful, selfless, not Narcissists, or selfish self-centered).

We must not hinder the Holy Spirit any longer, we must allow for Gods people to rise up, reach their destined potential. Women of god, his secret weapon it your season to flourish and prosper for kingdom assignments. We must all move forward into this new SEASON-Feast of the Lord God the Mashiach Jesus to be his hands, feet, his mouth, and voice against godlessness.

The battle is already in full swing, and now it is time to put on the full Armor of God, and join in the battle. This is biblical! Remember the book of Revelation is the unveiling, and revealing the hidden or secret. Woman is "Gods Secret Weapon." It is time to use her, allow her, listen to her, and value her as Gods intended HELP MEET.

The entire gist of this book rests on humbleness, and where does humility originate? Why, in the very loving heart of our Savior Jesus Christ! He submitted Himself unto death out of His love for us. Husbands love and honour (i.e. respect) your wives, and you women see to it that you respect (i.e. the same as honour) your men. In Christ alone can true and loving submission be found and accomplished. Strongholds will fall because LOVE ALWAYS WINS! Submission is mutual according to scripture.

1Pe 5:5 "Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resists the proud, and gives grace to the humble."

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