



LESSONS FROM THE LIVES OF THE JUDGES OF ISRAEL DEBORAH: A WOMAN OF CONVICTION AND COURAGE Judges 4-5

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APPLICATION

A FAITHFUL CHURCH WILL:

1) Celebrate, honor and encourage the gifts of WOMEN.

Proverbs 31:30-31; Galatians 3:27-28

2) Be governed by the WORD and wisdom of God. – 4:6

2 Peter 1:19-21

"Wherever we see the Word of God purely preached and heard, there a church of God exists, even if it swarms with many faults." - John Calvin

3) Will not be filled with PASSIVE spectators but active PARTICIPANTS. Ephesians 4:15-16

4) Be laser focused on the GLORY of God.

"A church that does not exist to reclaim heathenism, to fight evil, to destroy error, to put down falsehood, a church that does not exist to take the side of the poor, to denounce injustice and to hold up righteousness, is a church that has no right to be. Not for yourself, O church, do you exist, any more than Christ existed for Himself." Spurgeon

5) Trust they have EVERYTHING necessary for life and godliness in Christ.

2 Peter 1:3-4