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Abundant Life in a Broken World

We believe the Bible is our foundation, absolute truth; that Jesus is Truth

John 14:6 AMP Jesus said to him, “I am the only Way to God & the real Truth, & the real Life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.”

*God is who He is. He’s not who you want Him to be.
God’s Word is His perfect, ultimate, external authority; absolute Truth.*

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God & is useful to teach us what is true & to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong & teaches us to do what is right. 17 God uses it to prepare & equip His people to do every good work.

Let’s continue to seek the Holy Spirit’s help to stand against contradictory human philosophy & compromise.

Colossians 2:8 MSG Watch out for people who try to dazzle you w/ big words & intellectual double-talk. They want to drag you off into endless arguments that never amount to anything. They spread their ideas through the empty traditions of human beings & the empty superstitions of spirit beings. But that’s not the way of Christ.

GOD’S VISION OF BIBLICAL WOMANHOOD

**Where did you get your vision of a woman? Mom, Grandma,
Taylor Swift, Beyonce, Scarlett Johansson, Instagram influencer, etc.*

2 Kings 21:13b KJV ...and I will wipe Jerusalem as *a man* wipeth a dish, wiping *it*, and turning *it* upside down.

Genesis 1:26 AMP Then God said, “Let Us (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) make **man** (*humans*) in Our image, according to Our likeness [not physical, but a spiritual personality & moral likeness]; let **them** have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the cattle, & over the entire earth, & over everything that creeps & crawls on the earth.” 27 So God created **man** (*humans*) in His own image, in the image & likeness of God He created him; **male & female** He created them. 28 And God blessed them [granting them certain authority] & said to them, “Be fruitful, multiply, & fill the earth, & subjugate it [putting it under your power]; & rule over (dominate) the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, & every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

Men & women are different. We’re not the same. If we were the same, one of us wouldn’t be necessary. But praise God, we’re not the same! Embrace & enjoy your femininity! Appreciate your womaness.

Women, you have to see yourselves the way God sees you! Embrace the real authentic, feminine, woman that God made you to be. It may be a great risk, and also your richest reward! Your identity is in God. You belong, you're safe & secure. You're not an orphan, you're adopted by Jesus; His daughter. Stand w/ confidence knowing you're family.

He loves you w/ a Father's heart. God has a purpose for you as His precious. God has things to be done by you, that only you can do. Your life matters. Your mission matters, Your decisions matter. Your marriage matter. Your children matter. Your church matters. Your legacy matters.

Proverbs 14:1 AMP The wise woman builds her house on a foundation of godly precepts, her household thrives, but the foolish one who lacks spiritual insight tears it down w/ her own hands by ignoring godly principles.

A God-given dignified life is being a Jesus loving, Holy Spirit filled, church attending, responsible, dependable, moving forward woman!

God made you a woman. You're God's women. You belong to your Father. Your femininity is a sacred blessing; an identity you received from Jesus.

You're more important, valuable, & significant than you think you are!

You're tougher than you think you are. You're stronger than you think you are. You're loved; adopted by & called by your Father. You're precious to Him. You're significant. You're irreplaceable.

Get w/ your Heavenly Father through prayer & His Word. Get His Spirit, get His courage, get His confidence, get His calling. And get going!

A Biblical woman sets an example for her family, church, & community. If you didn't have good mom to emulate, the church is here to fill the gap.

Proverbs 31:10 AMP An excellent woman, one who's spiritual, capable, intelligent, & virtuous, who is he who can find her? Her value is more precious than jewels & her worth is far above rubies *or* pearls.

Be God's woman. Show some femininity. Be an influencer. Improve yourself instead of blaming everyone else. No one admires a victim. Victims aren't going anywhere. Learn to endure more pain.

When adversity comes, figure out how to fight through it & outlast the devil. Get healthy, get active, get in the fight & make a difference in the lives of those around you, for the glory of the Father...

Titus 2:3 AMP Older women similarly are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor addicted to much wine, teaching what is right & good, 4 so that they may encourage the young women to tenderly love their husbands & their children, 5 to be sensible, pure, makers of

a home where God is honored, good-natured, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.

1. Live in a way that honors God. *Appropriate, Godly behavior. Bring attention to Jesus, not to yourself through conduct or appearance. Your outward beauty is fleeting, fading, meaningless. Your value is in Jesus.*

2. Speak the truth & build others up. *Don't slander, gossip, or tell lies.*

3. Be sober & self-controlled. *Don't be a heavy drinker, or addicted.*

4. Teach others what is right, good, & beautiful. *Give to & care for others. You deserve to be honored & respected. You are not created to satisfy the sinful, fleshly desires of a man. You're more valuable than rubies.*

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5. Train, coach, mentor, & encourage younger women. *Gently bringing younger women along; disciple them by watching you. Invest in future.*

6. Biblically **love** your husbands & your children. *"Love is an act of the will, accompanied by emotion, that leads to action, on behalf of its object." An act of your will. Your choice. Not random or uncontrolled. Loving your husband & raising godly children is one of the ways to fulfill God's purposes & is one of the highest callings in your life.*

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7. Exemplify a life of wisdom & purity. *Live wisely, w/ virtue. Character & integrity. Think clean. Pure. Holy.*

8. Work in your home. *Keep a good, Godly house. Take care of your household. A good homemaker. (Prov. 31 certainly says there's a place outside of the home) There's no priority that supersedes your home. As wives & mothers, you're absolutely committed to creating a haven.*

9. Good natured & kind. *Compassionate. Sensitive. Hopeful. Smile.*

10. Be submissive to & seek agreement w/ your husband. *Women resist or war against submission by nature as a result of the fall. (Gen. 3:16) You are disinclined. Resist feminist, secular, humanistic teachings. Rather seek mutual agreement. Give up your rights & become a servant.*

1 Corinthians 16:13 AMP Be on guard; stand firm in your faith in God, respecting His precepts & keeping your doctrine sound. Act like mature (*wo*)men & be courageous; be strong. 14 Let everything you do be done in love [*motivated & inspired by God's love for us*].

When you know Truth, you are free. You're made in the likeness of God. There is one race, the human race. We're all sinners by nature & by choice. God sees what we do externally, & knows how we feel internally.

We've all sinned & fallen short of the glory of God. Jesus came to earth to love us & fixed our problem. He was judged for us. He went to the cross to substitute Himself & die for us. His name is Jesus.

If you want freedom & liberty, you need Jesus. We're not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus. It's the power of God for salvation for all people. Jesus transforms lives. Jesus reconciles relationships. He's the only hope for our world. His name is Jesus!