

God's Plan of Salvation:

1. Hear - Romans 10:17
2. Believe - Mark 16:16
3. Repent - Acts 2:38
4. Confess - Romans 10:10
5. Be baptized - Acts 22:16
6. Live faithfully - Revelation 2:10

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The Role of Women - Part 2

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In our last bulletin we examined some things God's word teaches about the role of women. We are going to continue with some additional thoughts about the role of women from the word of God.

Godly women are described as hard working and industrious individuals. Proverbs 31 describes the virtuous wife as one who, "willingly works with her hands," "rises while it is yet night," and, "does not eat the bread of idleness" (vs. 13-15, 27, NKJV). Women are not authorized by God to be lazy or idle (1 Timothy 5:13).

Here are some practical things we see women doing throughout the Bible:

1. Women are active in extending hospitality (2 Kings 4:8-11; Acts 12:12; Romans 16:5; 1 Timothy 5:10). Hospitality is an important work in the lives of Christians (1 Peter 4:9) and is something women can play an important part in.
2. Women may be skilled at providing comfort to others. Isaac was comforted by his wife Rebekah (Genesis 24:67). Extending mercy and comfort to others is something some women are especially talented in (Romans 12:8).

3. Women have a unique role in bearing children (1 Timothy 2:15; 5:14). Yet bearing children seems to refer to more than simply the physical act of having children. Bearing children will involve caring for, teaching, loving, etc. their children (Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Proverbs 1:8-9; 31:1; Ephesians 6:1; Colossians 3:20; 2 Timothy 1:5; 3:15).
4. Godly women build their own houses using wisdom, understanding, and knowledge (Proverbs 14:1; 24:3-4). It is sad to see people tear apart their homes instead of build them.
5. Women need to be peaceful and not contentious (Proverbs 19:13; 21:9, 19; 25:24; 30:21-23).
6. Women may be involved in the management of the family finances. The virtuous wife is described as one who, “considers a field and buys it; from her profits she plants a vineyard” (Proverbs 31:16, NKJV). She is able to use the family’s money for projects and is entrusted to use wisdom. She makes a profit on some of the ventures she is engaged in (Proverbs 31:24). Women are to be generous with their finances (Proverbs 31:20) and may make things to give others (Acts 9:39).
7. Women need to seek to have a positive outlook regarding the future (Proverbs 31:25).
8. Women are to be involved in working in the kingdom (Romans 16:1-4, 6, Philippians 4:2-3).
9. Women who are married have a concern about pleasing their husbands (1 Corinthians 7:34). However, the husband is equally to be concerned about pleasing the wife (1 Corinthians 7:33). Both also have responsibilities to render due affection to each other (1 Corinthians 7:3-5). It is easy

to think about the role of the wife as pleasing her husband while forgetting the husband also has the role of pleasing his wife.

10. In the qualifications for deacon’s wives, three things are mentioned which would be admirable qualities for any woman to have. 1 Timothy 3:11 says, “Likewise, their wives must be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things” (NKJV).

These are some thoughts which hopefully help us see the restrictions God has placed on the role of women as well as things God has given for women to do.