

Introduction- WE HAVE HEARD WOMEN DESCRIBED AS SECOND CLASS CITIZENS IN HEAVEN* WE NEED TO SEE

1. WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT THE WEEKER VESSEL, AND HER PLACE IN THE KINGDOM
2. It is only in Christianity that a woman has a place of honor- all else looks on her as cattle
3. We hear much chest-pounding by men, but the question comes- what can a woman do to serve?

Let's take a good look at a good woman and her ministry - *cl. Wants calls to girl, & woman -*

I.- DORCAS* A WOMAN OF GOOD WORKS AND ALMSDEEDS

centering our attention - not on her death & resurrection - But Personality and Work -

A. THE NAME WAS THAT OF BEAUTY

1. Dorcas-(Chaldee-Tabitha) Gazelle- Antelope - and the names have a relationship to the person
2. Named for a type of female loveliness- slender, graceful, large soft eyes,
3. There is no reason for a woman not being beautiful- not ornamental- but beautiful

B. THE CHARACTER WAS THAT OF LOVELINESS

(Grace was in all her steps, heaven in her eye;

1. A soul as lovely as Milton's description of Eve- in every gesture dignity and love!
2. A disciple- in love with Jesus; and because of this - in love with humanity.
3. She had a kindness as evidenced by her gifts to the poor and needy- v.39

C. THE LIFE SHE LIVED WAS GRACE AND VIRTUE PERSONIFIED

1. Peter I Pet. 3:1-4 - Chastity, Adorning of the Hidden man, Meekness *Peter's commands in all this*
2. Paul I Tim 2:9,10 - Modesty, Sobriety, Inner Beauty, Not put on *Paul's commands -*
3. Full of good works- Almsgiving, Coats and garments for the widows

Here was a woman whose life was like that of the great women who ministered through centuries

II.- THE MINISTRY OF A WOMAN

our girls wonder - what can we do to serve the Lord - what of the girls - can they minister -

A. THE MINISTRY OF DORCAS A woman praised in the book of Acts- many believed because of her

1. Good works- Show me your faith by Good works and I will believe you- James said.
2. Almsdeeds- Matt 6:1-4 Jesus said to not show these- and God will reward you
3. Practical love- The coats and garments were useful.- a practical help- Not worn out rags!

B. THE MINISTRY OF OTHER WOMEN MENTIONED IN THE BIBLE- not many- for mankind typifies man & woman

1. Rom 16:1 PHOEBE A Deaconess- v.2. That ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you
2. Phil. 4:3 The women who labored with me in the Gospel- help them! - not them help you-
3. Acts 21:9- Philips four daughters who did prophesy - This means to declare God's word and will

B. Luke 2:36- Anna - a prophetess- served God with fastings and prayers - & proclaimed Jesus

1. Esther 4:14- to deliver the Jews- and God used her as queen of Bablyon
2. II Tim 1:5, 3:14,15- LOIS AND EUNICE- Taught Timothy God's word- and a sincere faith
3. OTHERS* 2 John written to a woman, Lydia a Merchant, Miriam a Prophetess, Deborah a Judge, Jaelt, a Killer, Mary- to minister to the dead body of Jesus, Martha - to wait tables

III.- WHAT OF THE MINISTRY OF A WOMAN TODAY

RUTH - FARMER

Women have always worked - to do it condemn them to be gally, slaves & mistresses - but Partner!

A. TO BE A WIFE AND A MOTHER AND TO GUIDE THE HOUSEHOLD WELL - I Tim 5:4 - DOMESTIC

1. Select Prayerfully God's man for you- train to do so, and to make a home for him
2. Your education needs to equip you to guide the household- cook, clean, finance, raise children
3. You need enough liberal arts to be a good companion- grow old gracefully

B. EVERY WOMAN NEEDS TO BE ABLE TO MINISTER TO OTHERS* A PROFESSION IN MINISTRY

1. TEACHING* (Timothy's Mother) In the home, the Church, Church Schools, and Public Schools!
2. NURSING* (Almsgiving)(good works) caring for the sick and the dying- and the poor!
3. MANAGING* home or office- (secretary) relieve the man of the tedious details

C. BUT A WORD OF WARNING

1. 1 Timothy 5:13- Idle, Tatlers, Busybodies- *women change thier natural use to against nature--doom* Eve led Adam into sin- and women lead nation-
2. Must not be overbearing, contentious, usurping authority, your natural evils will destroy
3. Col. 3:12-17- do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus

Concl. WOMEN HAVE A RICH PLACE IN GOD'S KINGDOM* BUT IT TAKES FAITHFULNESS, PATIENCE, & LOVE TO MAKE IT

1. Do you know Jesus Christ- Without salvation all you can be is a Jezabel!
2. Do you possess your soul in patience- faithful to the Lord step at a time?
3. Are you claiming the very best that God has for you, not settling for a mess of pottage?