

The Ministry of Womanhood

Encouraging women to find their purpose & significance through serving God in their biblical roles

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Every woman
has been
born into the
ministry
of God.
It is spelled
out for her
in Scripture,
lived out
before others
in her home,
church, and
community,
and recorded
by God
in the pages
of eternity.



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Today we begin our study of the Ministry of Motherhood. I want to spend this time today just giving you God's overall picture of the service that He has created for us to do in this area of being a mother.

As I have studied and read the Bible over the past twenty years, I have come to the conclusion, that aside from being a good wife to a husband, that there is no greater work that women have been created for than that of being a mother to children. The Ministry of Motherhood was created with Eve, carried on through the testimony of Sarah, and brought to fruition in the life of Mary, the earthly mother of Jesus. Eve represented the fact that God has created us as women to be "Life Givers". Through Sarah's motherhood, we learn that God has given us the ministry of being "Life Changers". And then of course, through the motherhood of Mary, we are challenged by God to use our mothering efforts to create "Life Redeemers". There is so much service to be done for our great God in the area of motherhood, and in addition to learning from the mothering life of these very significant mothers, we are also going to learn how to 'flesh out' these three specific ministries through the lives of many other women and passages of the Bible as well.

Please turn with me to Genesis 3:20 and let's read about God's admonition to Eve to be the "mother of all living". ***"And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living."***

In this verse, we discover that Adam changes his wife's name from "woman" (Genesis 2:23), which literally meant 'she man', to "Eve", which literally means "life". Why do you think he did this? Who do you think told Adam that his wife was going to have the ministry of bringing life into this world?

It was God. And it is this same God that tells us, again and again in the scriptures that He has chosen women to fulfill the ministry being "life givers" in this world.

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As we will look (in the following weeks) at this concept of being a “Life Giver” in this world, we will look at the many ways we are able to serve our God in the areas of bringing physical, emotional, as well as spiritual life into this world. I think we will find this a very exciting study, and I’m sure that God will use it to remind us what a great privilege and responsibility we have to serve God in this ministry of bringing the **light of life** into a dark and dying world.

Now I want you to turn with me to Genesis 17:15-16 as we look at Sarah, the woman God chose to be a “Life Changer” when He chose her to be the one that would serve Him as the “mother of all nations”. *“And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be. And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her.”*

In these verses, we also see that this woman’s name was changed when God blessed her and called her into the Ministry of Motherhood. It is interesting to note, that as you study the Hebrew translations of both Sarai and Sarah, they are both translated to mean the word “princess”. But a more thorough and careful study into the Hebrew meaning of these names reveals that Sarai meant “to be the princess of her own house alone”, while the meaning of the name Sarah meant “to be a princess over many people”. It was God who told her husband Abraham to change her name, because it was going to be God that would choose her to serve Him in this wonderful ministry of being the mother of many descendents that would grow up to make a difference for God in this world. As we look at the ministry of being a “Life Changing” mother in the weeks to come, we will learn a lot from the testimonies of other mothers in the Bible that were challenged to raise their children to make a lasting impact for God in this world too. We will also look at what the scriptures have to say in regards to biblical training, strengthening physical character, and instilling sound emotional and spiritual stability in our kids as well.

And finally, turn with me to Luke 1:26-33, as we look at God’s calling of Mary to be the earthly mother of His only begotten Son.

In these verses, we find that God is giving Mary the special ministry of being a Life Redeemer as she is asked to give birth to, and raise our Lord Jesus Christ. What a marvelous opportunity Mary was given when God asked her to be the one to bring forth the child that was going to grow up and become the Saviour of the world!

Now, although none of us are going to be given the ministry of mothering THE Saviour of the world, each of us has been called to the ministry of preparing the life of someone around us (whether it be our own children, or someone else’s), to shine as a bright light in a dark world, so that God could use **them** to help Him redeem the lives and souls of the sinful people that are around them. And in the weeks to come, we will look at the lives of various biblical women who served God in the ministry of preparing their children to become full-time servants for God.

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I believe that this is going to be an exciting series of studies as we look at the opportunities we have to serve God in the Ministry of Motherhood in the areas of being Life Givers, Life Changers, and Life Redeemers. And I believe that it is going to be a very important one as well.

Why? Because bringing life into this world is a very precious thing to the heart of God. And as a matter of fact, it was Jesus Himself, who said to the whole world in John 10:10, ***“I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”***

And so I close by encouraging you to make a commitment to follow along in these studies, ponder what you learn from them in your heart, ask God to help you to catch a vision for the special work that He has for you to do, and then to surrender yourself to become a servant to God in this high calling of being a Life Giver, a Life Changer, and a Life Redeemer in this special calling in which I have entitled, “The Ministry of Womanhood”.

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Beware of the False Philosophies of Planned Parenthood

When my husband was in Bible College I met a fine Christian young lady named Amanda who was engaged and soon to be married. As I sat down and talked to her about her wedding plans one day, she asked me the following question . . .

“Mrs. Fink, what do you think about birth control?”

Without hesitation, I told her that I was totally against it because God was against it.

“That’s just what I thought!” she said, “But I’m kind of confused because a Christian man that I know and respect told me that he thought I should use some sort of birth control for the first few years of my marriage. He said that it would help my marriage get off to a good start if I did this.”

“Oh,” I said, not really sure what to say next, “So, what are you going to do?”

“I’m going to do what I believe that God would want me to do, and I am going to trust God with my marriage getting off to the right start.”

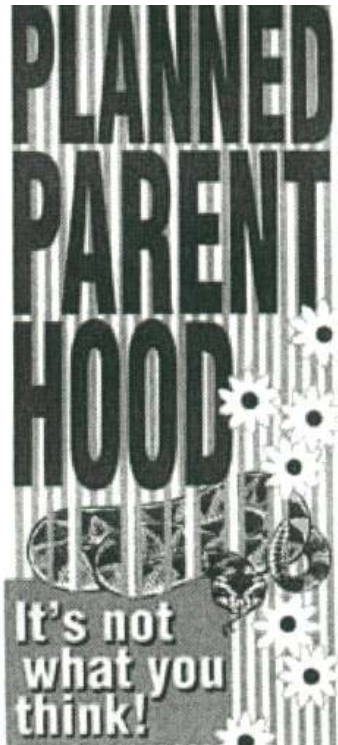
I told her that I thought this was a good idea, and then I began to wonder why a good Christian man that she knew and respected would advise her in such an unchristian way.

And then I remembered about the incredibly horrible influence of the Planned Parenthood Organization, the largest, most powerful, most effective, pro-abortion, anti-life, anti-family, anti-Christian force in the U.S. and internationally.

Some of you might not be all that familiar with the name of that organization, but I am sure that you are VERY familiar with the philosophies of it. Here are some of them:

- ◆ Reproductive rights
- ◆ Abortion rights
- ◆ Sexual freedom outside of marriage
- ◆ Freedom from being tied down with children inside of marriage
- ◆ Safe sex for teenagers through contraceptive use
- ◆ Safe sex for lesbians and homosexuals through contraceptive use

As a matter of fact, the sexual revolution in the U.S. traces it’s history to the founder of Planned Parenthood, Margaret Sanger. She identified the objective of her promotional activities as “unlimited sexual gratification without the burden of unwanted children.” She also identified other values of the sexual revolution that she



promoted when she wrote that “women have the right to live . . . to love . . . to be lazy . . . to create . . . to destroy . . . The marriage bed is the most degenerative influence in the social order.” Legal abortion and infanticide, two of the ultimate goals of the sexual revolution was also described by Sanger as “the most merciful thing that a family does to one of its infant members.”

Now, why did I tell you all of that? Because I want you to know, that although Jesus Christ came to be our example of how we are to bring forth abundant life, there is someone out there whose main motivation is to steal, kill, and destroy life.

Who is that someone? He is Satan, and he does his best work through the lives of people (like Margaret Sanger) that spend their lives fighting for causes that are in direct conflict with the Word of God.

As a Christian woman, you need to know the right place to get your opinions, beliefs, and advice. You need to understand that not everyone that says they care about you genuinely does. And you need to have enough common Christian sense about you to know the truth about life and to continue in that truth even when you have to take a stand for it.

I’m glad that my young friend Amanda did. I’m glad that when she got married, she didn’t listen to the foolish advice of her Christian friend that told her to get on some form of birth control before she got married and stay on it for the first few years of marriage. I’m glad that she knew that because God’s Word says that children are a blessing, that her marriage would become better for having children, rather than worse for it.

How about you dear friend? Do you know this too? When I was first married, I didn’t. My thoughts were guided and governed by what the culture thought was best. I thought like Margaret Sanger did. I thought children were a nuisance and that no woman was really “free” until she could chose whether she wanted to become a mother or not.

And then I got pregnant and gave birth to my oldest daughter Kina, and God began to teach me the real truth about how I should view children . . . that they were a blessing from the Lord . . . that the fruit of the womb was His reward . . . and that the best way to really enjoy the beauty of life around me was to look at it through the life of a child.