



# What God Says About

Wisdom From The Book Of Proverbs

# **What God Says About Wisdom From The Book Of Proverbs**

**A Woodside Bible Church Devotional**

**The book of Proverbs is one of the most unique pieces of literature in the entire Bible. It is complete with advice, wise sayings, counsel, warnings, instruction, and more. Proverbs guides the person of faith on how to live well in God's world. At the core of this wisdom is the true knowledge of Almighty God.**

Proverbs provides godly wisdom and guidance for all spheres of life, and it remains as applicable to believers today as it was when it was first written to the people of Israel.

Modeling the format of Proverbs and its collection of wise sayings, we have created a weekly devotional resource that will help you grow in your understanding of God and His ways.

**We begin each week with a reading(s) from Proverbs followed by:**

- **A look to the gospels for Jesus' thoughts on the topic.**
- **Offer a few ways the topic is presented in other New Testament writings.**
- **Add a few thoughts on the issue from prominent Christian thinkers.**
- **Highlight a Woodside blog post that engages with the topic.**
- **Present a question for you to consider.**
- **Then conclude with a space for you to journal your thoughts.**

As you work through this devotional, it is our hope that you find support and encouragement as you consider the following issues: wisdom, words, work, friendship, sex, and femineity in our world. We hope that your faith grows as we look through the wisdom of the Proverbs together!

# week 1 | What God Says About Wisdom

## In Proverbs

*Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding, for the gain from her is better than gain from silver and her profit better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.*

*She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called blessed. The LORD by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding he established the heavens; by his knowledge the deeps broke open, and the clouds drop down the dew.*

*My son, do not lose sight of these— keep sound wisdom and discretion, and they will be life for your soul and adornment for your neck. Then you will walk on your way securely, and your foot will not stumble. If you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet. Do not be afraid of sudden terror or of the ruin of the wicked, when it comes, for the LORD will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being caught.*

**- Proverbs 3:13-26**

## In the Gospels

*Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”*

**- Matthew 7:24-27**

## In the New Testament

*“Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ‘For who has known the mind of the*

*Lord, or who has been his counselor? Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?' For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen."*

**- Romans 11:33-36**

*"For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men."*

**- 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

*"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him."*

**- James 1:5**

## **Quotes to Consider**

*"...the kind of wisdom that God waits to give to those who ask him is a wisdom that will bind us to himself, a wisdom that will find expression in a spirit of faith and a life of faithfulness."*

**- J.I. Packer, Knowing God**

*"People only have true understanding (wisdom) when they look at everything from God's perspective. Authentic wisdom begins when we understand that God is to be the object of our devotion, our adoration, and our reverence (Psalm 111:6)."*

**- R.C. Sproul, The Purpose of God**

## Blog

*“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given to him.”*

**- James 1:5**

Have you ever been given this verse before by someone when you are really struggling with life; or possibly this verse from the book of Matthew, “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you” (7:7). One way or another, you’re going through something hard. Downright tragic. And in your grief and pain, you may have just gotten the age-old response, “just pray about it.”

Now before you go check to see if you’re still on a Christian blog site, hear me out. I am not telling you that prayer is wrong. What I want to address is that all too often, these verses get twisted into something they were never meant to be; these are not verses promoting that God will, in fact, give you what you want. Nope. And prayer is no longer treated with the reverence it deserves, but rather a last-ditch effort after asking everyone else for advice and maybe writing your pros/cons list.

Often when we are facing trials, decisions must be made. Or possibly a decision was forced upon you, and the question you need an answer to is, “what do I do now?” To continue reading “What God Says About Wisdom,” [click here](#).

## Question for Reflection

Why is wisdom so precious?

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# Week 2 | What God Says About Our Words

## In Proverbs

*“When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent.” - Proverbs 10:19*

*“The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.” - Proverbs 15:28*

*“A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.” - Proverbs 15:1*

*“Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.” - Proverbs 16:24*

*“The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut off. The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked, what is perverse.” - Proverbs 10:31-32*

## In the Gospels

*“Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.” - Matthew 12:33-37*

## In the New Testament

*“Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks*

*at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless."* - **James 1:19-26**

*"Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so."* - **James 3:1-10**

*"Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear."* - **Ephesians 4:29**

*"Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person."* - **Colossians 4:6**

*"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up."* - **1 Thessalonians 5:11**

## **Quotes to Consider**

*"When others are hurting, the greatest grace we can bring is to comfort or encourage them right in the midst of whatever they are suffering."*

**– Marva Dawn, Truly the Community**



“What you say always produces some kind of harvest.”

– **Paul David Tripp (Contributor), The Power of Words and the Wonder of God**

“Our words will always reflect what is already in our hearts.”

– **Tony Evans, Watch Your Mouth**

## **Blog**

Did you know that our words have the power of life and death (Proverbs 18:21)?

That our speech is much more impactful than we sometimes want to admit

(Proverbs 11:9)?

Well, it's true.

Have you ever had a teacher, parent, or kid at school speak damaging words that sank like heavy weights deep into your heart and mind? Maybe you've gone years thinking you're unintelligent because of what a teacher has said in the past. Perhaps it was that you'd never be successful because of what a superior at work has said. Have you had someone who's supposed to love you tell you you're not worthy of love, so you believe it? The list can go on and on. To continue reading “What God Says About the Power of Our Words,” [click here](#).

## **Question for Reflection**

How can we ensure that our words bring life to others?

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# Week 3 | What God Says About Friendship

## In Proverbs

*“Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.” - Proverbs 13:20*

*“A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.” - Proverbs 17:17*

*“A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.” - Proverbs 18:24*

*“Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy.”  
- Proverbs 27:16*

*“Oil and perfume make the heart glad, and the sweetness of a friend comes from his earnest counsel.” - Proverbs 27:9*

*“Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.” - Proverbs 27:17*

## In the Gospels

*“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.” - John 15:12-15*

## In the New Testament

*“Do not be deceived: ‘Bad company ruins good morals.’ - 1 Cor. 15:33*

*“Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” - Ephesians 4:31-32*

*“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.” - **Colossians 3:12-15***

*“For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.” - **1 Thess. 5:11***

## **Quotes to Consider**

“Friendship is unnecessary, like philosophy, like art... It has no survival value; rather it is one of those things that give value to survival.” - **C.S. Lewis, The Four Loves**

“The Christian needs another Christian who speaks God’s Word to him. He needs him again and again when he becomes discouraged...he needs his brother solely because of Jesus Christ.” - **Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Life Together**

“You can have friends outside the faith, but for your deepest comrades you should look to your brothers and sisters in Christ. Hang out with the holy. Get in with the godly. Spend time with the saved. Know who your real family is – the one where the Father is God.” - **J. Budziewski, How to Stay Christian in College**

## **Blog**

If this season of my life has taught me anything, it taught me about the power of relationships. Collectively, we have just come out of an intense period of isolation and separation, unlike anything we have ever experienced before. And in those moments of isolation, I think many of us, myself included, learned how very true it is that it is not good for man to be alone.

If you are a Lord of the Rings fan like me, you may have binged the trilogy multiple times since its debut in 2001. And if you’re one of the few people unfamiliar with Lord of the Rings, bear with me; you don’t need to be a fan to understand the point.



# Week 4 | What God Says About Work

## In Proverbs

*“Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise. Without having any chief, officer, or ruler, she prepares her bread in summer and gathers her food in harvest. How long will you lie there, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man.” - Proverbs 6:6-11*

*“Whoever works his land will have plenty of bread, but he who follows worthless pursuits lacks sense.” - Proverbs 12:11*

*“The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied.” - Proverbs 13:4*

*“In all toil there is profit, but mere talk tends only to poverty.” - Proverbs 14:23*

*“Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established.” - Proverbs 16:3*

## In the Gospels

*“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter*

*into the joy of your master.’ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”*

**- Matthew 7:15-20**

## **In the New Testament**

*“Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free. Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.”*

**- Ephesians 6:5-9**

*“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, know that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.” - Colossians 3:23-24*

*“For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone’s bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk*

*in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.” - 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12*

“Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.”

- **Ephesians 4:28**

## **Quotes to Consider**

“Our daily work can be a calling only if it is reconceived as God’s assignment to serve others.” - **Timothy Keller, Every Good Endeavor**

“When we take what we were made to do and what gives us joy and imagine how God could use that to display his kingdom, the result is heavenlike.”

- **Rick McKinley, A Kingdom Called Desire**

“Ultimately, we do not serve a company or a boss or even our family’s needs, but our Lord, who smiles upon our labors, values our sweat, and dries our tears with the grace of knowing he will use every effort that honors him.”

- **Bryan Chapell, Grace at Work**

## **Blog**

We begin with the intention of having healthy rhythms in our lives and “work-life balance,” yet, it is all too easy to find work piling up around us. This is true regardless of the setting. There seems to be a constant drive to achieve, build, organize, and simply do more.

As followers of Jesus, we know God’s ways are perfect (Psalm 18:30). This includes the rhythms of life. Can I be brutally honest here? We stink at resting. We fall short when it comes to remembering the importance of sabbath. The biggest hurdle for us is not only to be disciplined in resting but to recognize the purpose of our lives. To continue reading “What God Says About Work,” [click here](#).

**Question for Reflection**

What obstacles keep us from fulfilling our calling to work?

**Journal**

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# Week 5 | What God Says About Sex

## In Proverbs

*“Drink water from your own cistern, flowing water from your own well. Should your springs be scattered abroad, streams of water in the streets? Let them be for yourself alone, and not for strangers with you. Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth, a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love. Why should you be intoxicated, my son, with a forbidden woman and embrace the bosom of an adulteress? For a man’s ways are before the eyes of the LORD, and he ponders all his paths. The iniquities of the wicked ensnare him, and he is held fast in the cords of his sin. He dies for lack of discipline, and because of his great folly he is led astray.”*

**- Proverbs 5:15-19**

*“He who commits adultery lacks sense; he who does it destroys himself. He will get wounds and dishonor, and his disgrace will not be wiped away.”* - **Proverbs 6:32-33**

*“With much seductive speech she persuades him; with her smooth talk she compels him. All at once he follows her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, or as a stag is caught fast till an arrow pierces its liver; as a bird rushes into a snare; he does not know that it will cost him his life.”* - **Proverbs 7:21-23**

*“He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the LORD.”*

**- Proverbs 18:22**

## In the Gospels

*“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.”* - **Matthew 5:27-30**

## In the New Testament

*"In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.'"* - **Ephesians 5:28-32**

*"But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband. The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control."* - **1 Corinthians 7:2-5**

*"Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous."* - **Hebrews 13:4**

## Quotes to Consider

"The way you express your sexuality will either recognize God's existence and honor him or deny his existence and rebel against his authority."

- **Paul David Tripp, Sex in a Broken World**

"Scripture shows us that sex is not an evil the marriage permits but a gift that God protects."– Sharon Jaynes, Lovestruck "Loving each other through the act of sex is a physical representation of the spiritual love, nakedness, and self-sacrifice that spouses are called to express."

- **Ryan and Selena Frederick, Fierce**

"Married sex, with its intimacy and desire and pleasure and intensity and adoration and satisfaction and rest, is a glorious metaphor of heaven."

- **Ray Ortlund, Marriage and the Mystery of the Gospel**

## Blog

Sex. A taboo topic, yet we're surrounded by it constantly.

In music, movies, the show you're streaming, and even commercials. Whether obvious gestures or subtle remarks, it's everywhere. So, what is a Christian response to our culture's preoccupation with and abuse of this divinely purposeful and good gift?

It's crucial to start this conversation by saying we need to exercise grace toward one another. And by this, I mean GRACE, not tolerance to sin. See, many of your brothers and sisters in Christ (if not you) have fallen victim to the world's lies on sex, whether before they accepted Jesus or even after. It's hard not to (do so) when we live in a culture that constantly normalizes, idolizes, profits from, and even masks it as a form of sexual empowerment, bodily autonomy, and liberty. It can get confusing, especially to the nonbeliever or the believer who still doesn't truly understand God's intent for sex and what the Bible has to say about it.

So, what does the Bible have to say about sex? To continue reading "What God Says About Sex," [click here](#).

## Question for Reflection

How can we honor God with our sex lives?

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# Week 6 | What God Says About Femininity

## In Proverbs

*“An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant; she brings her food from afar. She rises while it is yet night and provides food for her household and portions for her maidens. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She dresses herself with strength and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night.*

*She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are clothed in scarlet. She makes bed coverings for herself; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the gates when he sits among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she delivers sashes to the merchant. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with*

*wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: “Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.” Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.”*

**- Proverbs 31:10-31**

## In the Gospels

*“Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are*

many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.” And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this, who even forgives sins?” 50 And he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.” - **Luke 7:44-50**

“Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching. 40 But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.” 41 But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, 42 but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.” - **Luke 10:38-42**

“A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, ‘Give me a drink. (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.”

Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.” Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor

*in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”*

**- John 4:7-26**

*“...but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.”*

**- John 19:25-27**

## **In the New Testament**

*“Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which, translated, means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity.” - Acts 9:36*

*“...and having a reputation for good works: if she has brought up children, has shown hospitality, has washed the feet of the saints, has cared for the afflicted, and has devoted herself to every good work.” - 1 Timothy 5:10*

*“Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.”*

**- Titus 2:3-5**

## **Quotes to Consider**

*“True womanhood is indispensable in God’s purpose to display the fullness of the glory of his Son.” - John Piper, [DesiringGod.org](http://DesiringGod.org)*

“Any stereotype that fails to recognize the courage and deep impulse to give live to others at all costs fails to understand the true nature of a woman.”

- **Elyse Fitzpatrick and Erick Schumacher, Jesus & Gender**

“Every Christian woman is called to the spiritual motherhood of making disciples of all nations. Our nurturing is, by nature, missional.”

- **Gloria Furman, Missional Motherhood**

## **Blog**

Throughout my life, I have wrestled with the question, “Does God think less of me because I am a woman?”

I remember being 18 years old and sitting in one of my first college classes when a male peer asked a question I had feared since declaring my major, “What do you think a woman’s role is?” The look on his face read more like, “I can’t wait to put you in your place” rather than “I’m genuinely interested in your relationship with God and your understanding of His word.” It would not be the last time I heard this. These interactions, while in Bible college, left me feeling discouraged and unsure of God’s purpose for me due to my gender. To continue reading “Does God Think Less of Me Because I’m a Women,” [click here](#).

## **Questions for Reflection**

How can we honor God as women? Men, how can we honor the women in our lives?

## **Journal**

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