



Wednesday: Lesson 15 & 16

Saturday: Lesson k

D2: The Home – Bearing God’s Image in Singleness and Marriage

Introduction:

1. Man—created in God’s image

Genesis 1:26-27

2. Man—fallen from God’s image

Genesis 5:1-3

3. Jesus—displays God’s image

(Colossians 1:15; Philippians 2:6-8—review from “Biblical Womanhood” lesson)

4. Man in Christ—restored to God’s image

Romans 8:29; Colossians 3:9-10

The greatest relationship is that which we have with Jesus!

"The happiest, most satisfied people are those pursuing Jesus aggressively, passionately, supremely, constantly! And some of them are single . . . some of them are married!!"

—Scott Maxwell

5. Bearing God's image as a single woman in Christ

- a. Jesus' prayer—John 17:20-23

- b. Marriage isn't always better—Genesis 2:18; 1 Corinthians 7:7

- c. The gift of singleness—1 Corinthians 7:1-7

- d. The privileges of singleness—1 Corinthians 7:34-35

- e. Challenges of singleness—Ro. 15:13; Lam. 3:19-33; 2 Co. 4:16-18

- f. Some examples of undistracted devotion to the Lord
 - Ruth
 - The excellent woman/wife—Prov. 31:10-31
 - Tabitha (Dorcas)—Acts 9:36-40
 - Lydia—Acts 16:14-15, 40
 - Anna—Luke 2:36-38
 - Mary Magdalene—Matthew 27:56, 62; 28:1; Mark 15-16, esp. 16:9; Luke 8:2-3; 24:10; John 20:1, 18



- Mary and Martha—Lk. 10:38-42; Jn. 11:1-12:2

g. Implications:

- for the heart (discipline 1)

- for the home (discipline 2)

- for ministry (discipline 3)

Phil. 2:14-16 “Do all things without grumbling or disputing; so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life...”

6. Bearing God’s image as a married woman in Christ

Genesis 1:26-27

Genesis 2:18-22

Ephesians 5:22-33

Ephesians 5:18-22

Simple roles—submit

Be filled with the Spirit of God



“as to the Lord”

1 Peter 3:1-4

2 Timothy 1:5; 3:14-15; Acts 16:1-3—Lois and Eunice

Titus 2:3-5

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When I have God for my treasure I have all things in One. Many ordinary treasures may be denied me, or if I am allowed to have them, the enjoyment of them will be so tempered that they will never be necessary to my happiness. Or if I must see them go, one after another, I will scarcely feel a sense of loss, for having the Source of all things I have in One all satisfaction, all pleasure, all delight. Whatever I may lose I have actually lost nothing, for I now have it all in One, and I have it purely, legitimately, and forever.
Tozer, *Pursuit of God*.

