

Every Woman's Call to Work by Living in our Identity in Christ

Knowing and answering the _____ questions:

Who am I ... in _____?

Who am I living to _____?

What does God want me to _____ with the life He's given me?

A few truths to consider ...

- (1) **The _____ hates you.** (I Peter 5:8) "Be of sober *spirit*, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour."
- (2) _____ (Ecclesiastes 3) Your days were predetermined before you were born by a sovereign God. _____ them well because time matters.
- (3) We are created _____ distinctly unique in both our identity and purpose.

Our **IDENTITY**: As believers ...

- We are _____ creations** (1 Cor. 5: 17, 21)
 - ✓ Our _____ in Christ should be recognizable both to ourselves and to others.
 - ✓ If we are "in Christ," that should be _____, just as being "in the world" is equally evident.
 - ✓ In the case of our identity in Christ, our lives should indicate that we are pursuing a life that _____ Christ.
- We are no longer _____ to sin** (Romans 6:6), but we are reconciled to God (Romans 5:10).
- We are sons of God** ... _____ ... children ... heirs ... joint heirs with Jesus (Rom. 8:14-17)
- We are no longer _____ of the world** but apart from it (2 Cor. 6:14-7:1)
- Things of the earth no longer _____ us** (Colossians 3:2).
- We no longer place _____ on things the world values** (1 Tim. 6:9-11).
- We are guaranteed grace in our identity to spiritually _____** (Phil. 1:6).

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Spiritual Priorities Assist us in our Quest to become Women who Please God

- I. We are created _____ (Gen. 1:27)
- II. We are made as _____, co-workers (Gen. 2:18-25 – Heb. 'ezer').
- III. Our home is a _____ (Titus 2:5) and a place of industry, hospitality, and _____ (Prov. 31:10-31).
- IV. If married, women are to be _____ to their own husbands ... encouraging him in his own distinct role as the _____ and _____.

Titus 2:4-5

⁴ and so train the young women to love their husbands and children,
⁵ to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, **THAT the _____ may not be reviled/blasphemed.**"

We also need to recognize our goal as Christian women: not the freedom to do _____ we want, but freedom to do _____.

KEY QUESTION ...

Am I faithfully obeying God as his child by making much of Him, meeting the genuine needs of those He has placed in my care, or am I pursuing self ... actualization, fulfillment or ambition ... _____?

Ideal _____ ... what are those?

Your _____ life ...

Our _____ Community ... and the relationships within it, provide the context where we figure out what it means to apply biblical principles to our particular life.

"The matrix of God's _____, God's _____, and

God's _____ is where we go to get wisdom."

In other words ... _____

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EVERY WOMAN'S CALL TO WORK 'HOMEWORK' ... some questions to ask the 'older women' among you:

- What played into your decision-making regarding your roles?
- Are there any passages of scripture that specifically guided your thinking?
- How did you balance these roles?
- Did you ever seek counsel? from whom?
- What does your husband think about your choices? Friends? Was their conflict?
- Did you struggle with regarding the perception of others?
- How did you work through your decision-making process?
- What would you say to the young Christian woman who is committed to a career path?
- What would you do differently in this area of working outside your home, looking back now?
- What were your greatest joys? Sorrows?
- Are there any key questions you can think of to share that would help me

Some answers to consider:

- If you are married, talk to your husband.** If you are believers, study God's priorities. Find agreement in God's word. If your husband is not a believer, share your convictions with him. Share the value of your commitment to your family.
- Determine why you would choose to work outside your home.** Is it truly needed, or does it simply offer you income that affords you a specific lifestyle? Consider saving your income rather than living on it, that you might be able to invest in kingdom pursuits, missions, etc!
- Consider your 'season', including the ages of your children.** Who else do you have to rely on for their care if you spend your time elsewhere?
- Ask yourself ... **How does time spent outside your home (this includes ministry, volunteer work, etc.) impact the quality of what happens in your home (training children, providing for their needs, etc.)?** *You would be hard-pressed to find a mother that wished she had worked more and spent less time pouring into the hearts and minds of her children.*

Practically Speaking ... answer the above questions by:

- Getting into God's word** _____, praying fierce, bold prayers.
- Sit under sound** _____ that will train you to think biblically about everything!
- Read** _____... "Life is too short to not read good books!"
- Surround yourself with** _____ **older women.** Observe their lives. Look at the lives of their children. Ask them questions. Use some of the questions above! If you are one of those women, make yourself available!
- Pursue godly** _____, where you live in biblically informed conversation.