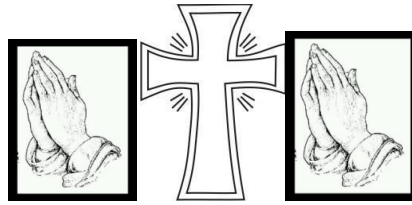


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1 INTRODUCTION

Ministry today is more complex than in yester years. Ministers of God and their wives must rise up and fulfill Ministry goals and stay true to God. The minister and his family is the pillar on which the gospel expansion agenda is built.

The woman is the help mate for her husband and if he is to survive, become victorious and successful in Ministry, the home front *must be stable, supportive and give required spiritual, physical, mental, emotional and relational backup for church leaders to survive and remain within the will of God's purpose.*

I charge all women leaders and all female members gathered here today to avoid Jezebelian traits so that their husbands will not have Ahabic tragedies (I Kg. 16:31-2 Kg. 9:30-37). Their saga was a type of paganism in the church today (Rev. 2:20-23)

2 A CHRISTIAN WOMAN

A Christian woman is one who looks up to Jesus Christ, loves Him as LORD and personal Saviour, and is obedient to His precepts, commands and statutes in a daily discipleship walk. She is one who accepts the teaching of God in all matters of faith and can say: "I know who I have believed" (I Tim. 1:12).

Experientially, the living Christ is with her as her Guide, Help, Hope, Provider, Leader, Example and Saviour. She, by a daily renewal by the ministry of the Holy Spirit, strives to become more and more like her Friend and Master. She gets to overcome her limits as a woman as one who reminds others of Jesus Christ: the Eternal Prince of Peace and Perfect Pattern.

"Most men will proclaim everyone his own greatness but a faithful man (woman) who shall find. The just man/woman walketh in his/her integrity. His/Her children are blessed after him/her"

Elder-woman-wife: A married woman, who is one flesh with her espoused husband (Matt. 19:5-6). Even if an unbeliever, he-the husband, is sanctified by a believing wife (I Cor. 7:14).

3 HER DUTIES

- Love-- Eph. 5:25-33;
- Faithfulness--- Mal. 2:14-15

- Live with husband for life---Matt. 19:3-9
- Satisfied with husband--- Prov. – 5:18-19
- Honours husband – I Pet. 3:7 –
- Helps provide for family – I Tim. 5:8
- Helps serve as leader. – Gen. 3:16, Jn. 17:21
- Helps exercise dominion rule on God's behalf

4 TYPES OF WOMAN

God created male and female. There are two poles in an electrical field – positive and negative. All types of men have their correlations in women.

Adam– blaming others Gen. 3:9-12; Isaac loving Gen. 29:7; Elkanah – sympathy etc. I Sam. 1:8-23; Job Strong 2:7-10; Ahab –weak I Kgs. 21:5-16; wicked woman Alhaliah 2 Kgs.11:1-2 (Wife of King Jehoram, Mother of King Ahaziah).

Good leader – Deborah; Spiritual prophetess – Elizabeth; Evangelist – Samaritan woman at well of Sychar; Adulterer – Baarsheba; Priscilla – Rhoda spirit filled.

5 CHARACTERISTS OF ENDURING WIVES

- a) Continual learning - Sarai
- b) Service Orientation - Martha
- c) Radiate positive energy
- d) Belief in other people – networking
- e) Leading a balanced life -
- f) Synergistic – create a whole bigger than the parts
- g) Exercise self-renewal
- h) Never blame others or Satan for weaknesses
- i) See life as an adventure – on fire for Christ
- j) Incurable optimists
- k) Possession becomes confession: mature Christians
- l) Student and possessor of the Word
- m) See God's strength in love-the wisdom of God
- n) Conquer the adversary with love life
- o) Possession of Timeless virtues for value
- p) Having 5 areas of wholeness
 - i. Freedom from sin – Matt. 1:21
 - ii. Freedom from self – I Thess 5:23-24
 - iii. Freedom from Evil spirits – I Jn. 3:7-10
 - iv. Freedom From setbacks – Gen. 3:13-14 no more curse
 - v. Freedom from sickness I Pet. 2:24

They release their faith, get freed and live at the shepherd psalm level of David to enjoy all freedoms therein. Ps. 23:1-end

6 TO SUCCEED AS A CHRISTIAN WOMAN ELDER (Jn 4:34)

- Have no complicity of work
- Have no complaints
- Have no carelessness
- Work no competition but complimenting team work
- Work with no conflict
- Work not with conceits
- Having attitudes of willingness
- Having attitudes of readiness
- Having attitudes of decisiveness
- Having attitudes of doggedness

- i. They overcome identity crisis (Ps. 23:4-6)
- ii. They avoid the tragedy of unused gifts
- iii. They see life along with dictates of Jesus Christ
- iv. They are not maximally independent
- v. They never lose focus – (unlike Peter)
- vi. They know God's will and have a faith mind set
- vii. They walk their walk from a clear-cut take off base
- viii. They have these internalizing principles

- a. Honesty
- b. Integrity
- c. Empathy
- d. Perseverance
- e. Resilience
- f. Diligence
- g. Prudence
- h. Continence
- i. Contentment
- j. Godliness
- k. Wisdom
- l. Focus
- m. Vision
- n. Endurance
- o. Hardworking

7 THEY SEE THE INVICIBLE

- ✓ experience the miraculous
- ✓ are the miracle of family and lineage
- ✓ not sad copies of great originals
- ✓ seek to be who they were created to be
- ✓ Grow in Christ and decrease in carnality
- ✓ see glory in lives, children and in all situations

- ✓ never pray or easier life – toughened battle axes – Jer. 51:20-38
- ✓ Possibility thinkers (like Mary) not marketers of negativity
- ✓ always replicate Christ – walk in wisdom – Eph. 5:15-24, 1-6
- ✓ they have three dimensions of discipline

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- a. inward – have inner beauty – prayer & fasting
- b. outward – service, humility, hardwork, solitude
- c. composite – fellowship with others, build relationships

- ✓ they have no mind and soul poverty – the greatest poverty
- ✓ they always act in the living present
- ✓ they never crush others – they lift others up
- ✓ they never remove the ancient and marks
- ✓ they have unlimited potential backed by God's Spirit
- ✓ seek knowledge and power – use it positively
- ✓ they have a changed name – not Ichabod, not Jacob

- They avoid:-

- fornicators -(perverted)
- railers -(abusive)
- covetous people -(greedy)
- idolaters -(heretical)
- drunkards -(undisciplined)
- extortioners -(dishonest)

- ✓ Their morality dictates their theology – their strength is made perfect in weakness 2 Cor. 12:9

8 MAMAS APRON – WOMAN OF VIRTUE

Women have bowels that birth humans. They are wells of comfort – to man Husband, families, aliens. They are

- a. The armour of the ambitious
- b. The uniform of the joyful
- c. The tributes of toil
- d. The hall marks of the help mate
- e. The modeling of motherhood
- f. The symbol of feminine servitude
- g. The emblems of sacrifice and love

Scripture have examples like Jochebed, Ruth, Esther, Deborah, Hannah, Mary, Elizabeth etc.

They are glorious examples of:

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| i. | Persistence | - | The widow | - Lk. 18:5 |
| | | - | The Shuamite woman | - 2 Kgs. 4:30 |
| | | - | Delilah | - Judges 16:16 |
| ii. | Manual labour | - | Ruth 2:7, Prov. 31:13, 34 | |
| iii. | House keepers- | Prov. 31:5, Lk. 10:40, Ruth 2:7 | | |
| iv. | Judges | - | Deborah | |
| v. | Motherly duties | - | I Sam. 2:19 | |
| vi. | Crisis Managers | - | I Sam. 25:18 | |

Note

- a) God tests us to strengthen us, to help us know Him more, and to build our faith – the kind of faith that does not demand explanation but rests on the promises of God.
- b) Masculinity is aligned to manhood and femininity is essential to womanhood
- c) A woman is equal in worth but different in function.
- d) The word “female” in Gen. 1:26 simply means the opposite of “man”
- e) The man reveals the fatherhood anointing of God and headship
- f) II Cor.11:7 says “Man is the image and glory of God but woman is the glory of man.
- g) We become our husbands glory not when we try to be like the man, but when we embrace our “femaleness”.
- h) Maternal: embrace your maternalness and live to the full.
- i) Motherhood originates from the very heart of God.
- j) El-Shaddai means the breasted One.

9 WHAT A WOMAN IS

- i. **She is an Anchor:** Her home is her resting place to raise her children and an opportunity for her creativeness. In Ps. 128, she is called *a fruitful vine in the inner part of your house*. Her home is a resting place/Prov. 24:15, Hosea 11:11
- ii. **She is a garden of delight:** God intends our homes to be a delight. She anchors the home. Father-child-mother-relationships. She watches over her children as they face the temptations and storms of life. She secures her home to be a Rock and fortress in perils of life.
- iii. **She is a life-giver:** Eve means life-giver. House the foetus, birth a child. God sends a baby to help out the troubled world – Jesus. She has a privilege of birthing a life for the world and the eternal world.

Every child is an eternal soul. They nurture children

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| i. | She is the Enricher | - | She fills her home with love & joy of the Lord |
| ii. | She is an Enabler | - | helps children to their destiny |
| iii. | She is an Encourager | - | helps the family and relations to walk in faith |
| iv. | She is an Endearer | - | endearing family members to one another |

- v. She is an Enhancer` - Enhancing timeless virtues for value
- vi. She is an Enlarger - enlarging your heart to care for the poor & Needy
- vii. She is an Ennobler - promotes nobility and integrity
- viii. She is a motivator - motives family: in Deborah, Priscilla.
- ix. She is a bowel of virtue and mercy-- disperse comfort to all
- x. She is a help meet – companion to husband
- xi. She is a breach mender – heal wounds, bridge builder – Abigail
- xii. A burden bearer – succours the oppressed and depressed
- xiii. A teacher – teaches virtues and value to next generations
- xiv. A protector – to family, value, property, life, name – Jochebed
- xv. An Admonisher – promotes glory in siblings
- xvi. A Sacrificer – Sarah protecting Abraham, Esther and Jews
- xvii. Compassionate – Jochebed – Moses’ Mother
- xviii. A judge – Deborah & Barak
- xix. Oasis of Comfort – in the desert places of family travails
- xx. Nation builder – Rearing godly children to be adults of tomorrow
- xxi. Evangelist – helped Jesus & Disciples – women ministry
- xxii. An Enliver – enthralling children with new ideas, creativity and wonders of God’s creation.
- xxiii. An Enthraller – enthralling children to be ardent for God
- xxiv. An Enthuser – enthusing children to be ardent for God
- xxv. An Entertainer – keeping the little children happy – story Teller
- xxvi. An Enticer – to the joy of prayer, reading scriptures
- xxvii. An Enveloper – wrapping family with love, cares and protection
- xxviii. An Envisioner – Giving vision, hope to each family member
- xxix. An Energiser – Encouraging work and creativity in the home
- xxx. An Engraver – Engraving the names of your children upon your heart in prayer – Ex. 28:29-30
- xxxi. An Entreater – Entreating your children to keep a straight course in God’s ways

Fellow summit participants, a lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing before all men. Changing our thinking requires us to change our actions, thoughts and attitudes which constitute the mystery of godliness. This will give us the passions to change the future, as others will not repeat our mistakes. Healing and hope have a chance when we embrace the truth.

Every child is a gift and life is precious from the very beginning. Let your dining table become an altar, and surrounded by the family to have the potential to be the holiest spot on the planet.

10 REALITY OF WOMAN IN MINISTRY

- i. Last at the cross (Mk. 15:47)
- ii. First at the tomb of Christ – Jn. 20:1
- iii. First to proclaim the Resurrection – Matt. 28:8
- iv. First to witness to Jesus – Lk. 2:37-38

- v. Attended the first prayer meeting – Acts 1:14
- vi. First to greet Christian Missionaries – Paul and Silas Acts 16:3
- vii. First European convert – Acts 1:14
- viii. They have devotional Spirit – Lk. 12:25, Est. 4:16
- ix. They are modest – Gen. 24:65. I Tim. 2:9
- x. They have liberality – Ex. 35, Lk. 8:2; 21:2-4
- xi. They have wisdom and virtue. Prov. 11:16, 12:4; 14:1, 31:10, 30
- xii. They have higher numbers in churches than men!
- xiii. They constitute the largest members of Christ Warriors worldwide. The people of God are to live out the Beatitudes and the virtues of humility – wisdom faith – hope - and – love, while at the same time becoming leaders. You are the light of the world. In darkness a light does not follow it leads – by supporting the man leaders and working to be worthy of your calling if called to lead the sheep of His Pasture – the Church.

The humble, the disciplined, the wise, the faithful, the hopeful, the loving ones are to lead.

That is a holy paradox.

Charge: Get united with other men ministers of God to depopulate the satanic kingdom. Don't stand aside above or detract from His Gospel expression plan. United we will triumph over the perils of this end time and earn a direct entry to heaven and eternity.

Some of my books will be of help and are available with the ushers.

Life is quality and essence, the energy and power, the force and principle of being. *Christ is life. He is the very quality of life, the very essence of life, the very energy of life, the very power of life, the very force of life, the very principle of life. Without Christ there would be no life whatsoever. Life is in Him, within His very being. All things exist and have their being in Him. Life is purpose, meaning and significance of being. Let your life be patterned after Jesus life so you attain the very purpose, meaning and significance of life. Life is perfection so you can live perfectly.* Let Jesus Christ's life give you light that reveals, strips away, routs the chaos and guides. Then you will walk in the way, live in His truth, and have His life and shall be enabled to live integrity. See Phil 4:8-11, Col. 3:1-end, 2 Cor. 6:3-10, I Thess 5:15-22.

Thank you for becoming" God's threshing sledge: new and sharp, with many teeth to crush Satan (Is. 41:15-11). He is the I AM who blots out your transgressions for His own sake. He formed you for Himself that you may proclaim His praise (Is. 43:21, 25); He will pour the spirit on offsprings and His blessings on our descendants. Amen.

Shalom.

11 APPENDIX

Read S. S. 1:4, 1s. 6:8

How to be on fire for God when called.

- (1) By sowing seeds of truth in our heart.
- (2) By the beautiful sounds of the golden bells of sincerity
- (3) By prolonging situations of suffering and trials whereby we are forced to wait upon Him and in a great way.
- (4) By developing His strength and power within us. Elijah v. Baal
- (5) By putting a marching desire in our feet and removing blockages
- (6) By delaying the fulfillment of our desires until we see the vanity and vexation of all things outside of Him!

Get set – Go on to victory in Jesus Name. Become a God's kingdom inheritor.



The Chairman/General Leader of Dakibiyu District, Special Apostle A.A. Bodunrin flanked on the right by the Seminar Facilitator, MSA A Ademeora and on the left by Special Apostle Alonge; during the Seminar



Special Apostle A.A. Bodunrin, Chairman/General Leader of C&S Movement Church, Dakibiyu District, Abuja; at the Seminar