



# RCCG OCEANIA

Identity & Purpose

## Understanding Women's Biblical Purpose

### At a Glance

#### BIG IDEA

In a world historically designed for men, understanding the biblical purpose of women is crucial. By examining scripture and historical contexts, we can uncover the powerful roles women play according to God's design. This study will guide you through the challenges and fulfillments of living out these roles today.

#### PRIMARY PASSAGES

Genesis 1:26-28

Proverbs 31:10-31

Luke 10:38-42

John 4:7-26

## Key Takeaways

- God created both male and female with distinct purposes.
- Understanding one's purpose is essential for fulfillment and protection.
- The Bible provides guidance on the roles and strengths of women.
- Historical events have shaped modern perceptions of gender roles.
- Misunderstanding purpose can lead to personal and societal challenges.

## Introduction

In exploring the biblical purpose and roles of women, we delve into a narrative that has often been overshadowed by male perspectives. This study seeks to illuminate the powerful roles women play according to God's design, offering insights into the challenges and fulfillments of living out these roles today.

## Scripture Reading

- **Genesis 1:26-28** — Highlights the creation of male and female in God's image, emphasizing purpose.

## Key Points

1. **Created with Purpose** — Both men and women are created in God's image with unique purposes. This foundational truth is crucial for understanding one's identity and role in the world. Recognizing that both genders reflect God's image helps in appreciating the distinct contributions each can make. This understanding fosters a sense of fulfillment and protection as individuals live out their God-given purposes.
  - Reflect on how being created in God's image influences your identity.
  - Consider the unique purposes God has for you as a woman or man.
  - Discuss with others how recognizing this purpose can lead to fulfillment.

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-28

## Key Points (cont.)

2. Challenges in a Male-Dominated World — Women face unique challenges in a world historically designed for men. These challenges can often obscure the understanding of their God-given purpose. However, recognizing and embracing their roles as defined by God can empower women to navigate these challenges with confidence and grace. This empowerment comes from knowing their worth and purpose in God's eyes.
  - Identify challenges you face in your current environment.
  - Seek biblical examples of women who overcame societal challenges.
  - Pray for strength and wisdom to embrace your God-given purpose.

## Key Points (cont.)

**3. Biblical Guidance for Women's Roles** — The Bible provides clear guidance on the roles and strengths of women, offering a framework for living out these roles today. Proverbs 31 and the story of Mary and Martha are examples of how women can embody strength, wisdom, and devotion. These scriptures highlight the virtues and spiritual contributions women can make, encouraging them to live out their roles with purpose and integrity.

- Study Proverbs 31 to understand the virtues of a noble woman.
- Reflect on the story of Mary and Martha and its implications for spiritual priorities.
- Identify ways you can apply these biblical principles in your life.

Scripture: Proverbs 31:10-31    Luke 10:38-42

## Key Points (cont.)

4. **Historical Impact on Gender Roles** — Historical events have significantly influenced modern perceptions of gender roles. However, returning to biblical principles can restore purpose and balance. By understanding the historical context and its impact, individuals can better appreciate the need to align with God's original design for gender roles. This alignment can lead to a more harmonious and purposeful life.
  - Research historical events that have shaped gender roles.
  - Discuss how these events have impacted your perception of gender roles.
  - Explore ways to align your understanding of gender roles with biblical principles.

## Group Discussion

Tip: Use these questions to guide the group from seeing → understanding → applying.

## Observation

- What does Genesis 1:26-28 reveal about the creation of men and women?
- How is the woman described in Proverbs 31?
- What roles do Mary and Martha play in Luke 10:38-42?

## Interpretation

- Why is it important to understand that both men and women are created in God's image?
- In what ways do societal challenges affect women's understanding of their purpose?
- How can the virtues in Proverbs 31 be applied to modern life?

## Application

- How can you embrace your unique purpose as defined by God?
- What steps can you take to overcome challenges in a male-dominated world?
- In what ways can you apply the biblical guidance for women's roles in your daily life?

## Prayer Focus

- Pray for wisdom to understand and embrace the biblical roles of women.
- Ask for strength to overcome societal challenges and live out God-given purposes.
- Seek guidance to apply scriptural principles in daily life.
- Pray for a balanced understanding of gender roles according to God's design.

## Next Step

Reflect on how biblical teachings about women's roles can be applied in your life and community.

## Conclusion

Understanding the biblical purpose of women involves recognizing the unique roles and contributions they make according to God's design. By examining scripture and historical contexts, individuals can uncover the powerful roles women play and navigate the challenges of a male-dominated world with confidence and purpose. ....

purpose. Embracing these roles leads to a more fulfilled and balanced life, aligned with God's original design.