

I Am (A Godly) Woman

“Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates.” Proverbs 31: 30-31 (NJKV)

A friend called the other day to relay that she was in great pain. She was experiencing discrimination in her job and felt her position was being threatened. That old feminist spirit in my heart was charged as I heard her tale of trials based on her sex. God’s hand hit me heavily as these old emotions started to overwhelm my heart.

I’ve learned over the years that God has made women very different from men. During my working years, I found my administrative skills to be far superior to most men. Yet even working twice as hard as men, I rarely received the same opportunities. Through God’s grace, I was able to survive and even earn respect from most male superiors. Later as I realized God’s plan for my life I could understand why the promotional opportunities passed me by. He had another plan for my life!

Women’s rights have done more to wound hearts in our world than to help. It’s too easy to get wrapped up in the equal pay for equal work cause but it was this rhetoric that led to the legalization of abortion. Everything we do is a reflection on the women to follow us. It is only in gaining respect and working hard are we able to hold our head in a male-dominated world.

God loves women and gave us our status issues with men. There is nothing wrong with working patiently for respect and equal treatment but never at the cost of the gospel of Christ. It’s only with the sword of the Spirit that we are invincible!