

“The supply of good women far exceeds that of the men who deserve them.” ~Robert Graves

We are fortunate to have so many outstanding women here at Roanridge Church of Christ. I see many doing a great job of teaching our children. Others help in work such as preparing the Lord's Supper, cleaning the building, suggesting improvements and providing guidance.

God's word is full of passages giving instruction on how women should conduct themselves. Titus 2:3-4 states, ***“the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things—that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.”***

In regard to deacons' wives, 1 Timothy 3:11 reads, ***“Likewise, their wives must be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things.”***

Peter speaks of wives who can bring their husbands to Christ in 1 Peter 3:1-4, ***“Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear. Do not let your adornment be merely outward; arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel; rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.”***

I have great respect for the wives of our elders and preacher who are steadfast and godly. What great examples for the congregation in an often difficult position.

Likewise the younger women in our fold also demonstrate their love of God. Proverbs 31:10 says ***“Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies.”***

I admonish our pre-teens and teen ladies to look to these women as examples of who you should strive to be.

Also, in the New Testament, we see many examples of women who show faith, humility and service to God. I encourage you to also take a look at these notable women.

- 1) Mary, the mother of Jesus (Luke 1:26-56)
- 2) Anna, recognized Jesus as the Messiah (Luke 2:36-38)
- 3) Susanna, provided material needs to Jesus (Luke 8:3)
- 4) Chloe, knew of division in the church at Corinth (1 Cor. 1:11)
- 5) Salome, mother of James & John (Matt 20:20-24)
- 6) Claudia, Christian in Rome (2 Tim 4:21)
- 7) Priscilla, laborer with Paul at Corinth & Ephesus (Acts 18:2, 18, 19)
- 8) Damaris, Athenian women converted by Paul (Acts 17:34)
- 9) Phoebe, Christian at Cenchrea (Rom. 16:1, 2)
- 10) Tabitha (Dorcas), Christian in Joppa raised from the dead by Peter (Acts 9:36-41)
- 11) Martha and Mary, Sisters of Lazarus and friends of Jesus (Luke 10:38-42)
- 12) Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist (Luke 1:5,13)
- 13) Mary Magdalene, woman from whom Jesus cast out demons (Matt. 27:56-61, Mark 16:9)
- 14) Eunice, mother of Timothy (2 Tim. 1:5)
- 15) Lois, grandmother of Timothy (2 Tim 2:5)
- 16) Lydia, wealthy convert from Philippi (Acts 16:14)
- 17) Joanna, provided material needs to Jesus (Luke 8:3)

“Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.” Proverbs 31:30.