



Imitating Women of God



Who can find a virtuous woman? Such a woman is a rare gem indeed! Thankfully, on the pages of the Holy Bible we can find numerous illustrations of godly women whose example we can follow and whose faith we can imitate.

Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth *is* far above rubies....Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband *also*, and he praises her: (29) “Many daughters have done well, but you excel them all.” (30) Charm *is* deceitful and beauty *is* passing, but a woman *who* fears the LORD, she shall be praised. (31) Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates (*Proverbs 31:10, 28-31*).

May we be....

(1) like Sarah, who judged Him faithful who had promised:

By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised (*Hebrews 11:11*).

(2) like the Hebrew midwives, who feared God more than they feared the wrath of Pharaoh:

But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male children alive (*Exodus 1:17*).

(3) like Rahab, who feared God and by faith protected the spies at the risk of her own life:

Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent *them* out another way (*James 2:25*)?

(4) like Ruth, who left her homeland, her family, and her gods in order to follow her mother-in-law Naomi and her God:

But Ruth said: “Entreat me not to leave you, *or to* turn back from following after you; for wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people *shall be* my people, and your God, my God” (*Ruth 1:16*).

(5) like Abigail, the peacemaker, who through soft persuasion prevented David from executing folly:

Then David said to Abigail: “Blessed *is* the LORD God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me! (33) And blessed *is* your advice and blessed *are* you, because you have kept me this day from coming to bloodshed and from avenging myself with my own hand” (*1 Samuel 25:32-33*).

(6) like Mary, the wife of Joseph, mother of Jesus, who knew the Scriptures well, and alluded to them repeatedly as she magnified the Lord; and who made it clear that we should not follow men's traditions but only do what Jesus says:

And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, (47) and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. (48) For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed (Luke 1:46-48).

His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it" (John 2:5).

(7) like Anna, who served God with prayers night and day:

And this woman *was* a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served *God* with fastings and prayers night and day (Luke 2:37).

(8) like Mary, the sister of Martha, who chose to sit at Jesus' feet and hear His word:

And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word.... But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her (Luke 10:39, 42).

(9) like Dorcas, who was full of good works and concern for the needy:

At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did (Acts 9:36).

(10) like Lydia, whose heart the Lord opened, and who attended unto the things which were spoken by Paul:

Now a certain woman named Lydia heard *us*. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul (Acts 16:14).

(11) like Phoebe, who was a servant of the church at Cenchrea and was a helper of many:

I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant of the church in Cenchrea, (2) that you may receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and assist her in whatever business she has need of you; for indeed she has been a helper of many and of myself also (Romans 16:1-2).

(12) like Priscilla, who laid down her own neck for the sake of Paul:

Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, (4) who risked their own necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles (Romans 16:3-4).

(13) like Lois and Eunice, who faithfully taught the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make a person wise unto salvation:

When I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also (2 Timothy 1:5).

And that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus (2 Timothy 3:15).

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