



Message from the First Lady

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Spring is here...*finally!* With Spring, everything comes back to life! Most importantly, during this time of the year, we commemorate Christ's Resurrection when the flowers and trees are blooming, and the birds are chirping! It is a time to put away the drudgery of winter and to be refreshed in the sweetness and newness of a new season. Psalm 1:3 compares a believer to a tree that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither, and what he [*she*, italics mine] does shall prosper.

Also, I would like to encourage you to take the time to read this Spring edition of *Becoming Whole Women in Christ (BWWC) Newsletter*. If you are interested in submitting articles, please contact BWWC ministry leaders or visit the website listed on the last page of this edition.

May you revel in the refreshment of God's creation, and be at peace with His Wonder!

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Charge to Women Regarding Service in Ministry

By Sis. Angela Dickerson



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- 1) *Remember whose you are*
- 2) *Do it unto God*

By your salvation, you (we) are in the family of God and partakers of the inheritance. We have been delivered from the power of darkness and translated into the Kingdom of His dear Son. We are thus functioning in "the ministry of God." This charge pertains to you if you are in the ministry of God, serving specifically in a ministry God has birthed out of you or one that He has called you to share in the interest of edifying the Body of Christ. As God's workmanship, I leave you with these three points to meditate on: the *why* and the *how to do it unto God*.

Why? You are on divine assignment

- Being called by the Almighty God is not something to take lightly. You need to take the time to let that sit in your spirit.
- Be about your Father's business, entrusting yourself to God's agenda, not your own.
- Remain God-centered and God-focused.
- Surrender the ministry itself to God, so you do not get in the way. This includes you and those serving in the ministry. Every one of you should be placed on the altar so there can be agreement and knowledge of God's will.
- Be ready to combat the forces of Satan and to unleash the power of God!
- Reliance on the Holy Spirit is critical! Although God has prepared and equipped you for all that

He has called you to do, you cannot do it in the flesh. You have to use your spiritual tools and resources to complete the work of the Lord.

How? You must be an obedient and faithful servant

- Follow Christ's example of servicing others.
- Learn how and be willing to die to self. This is where self-examination takes place.
- Depend upon the Lord to establish balance in your life. Trust Him when he shows you that balance is Himself, Family, and the Ministry.
- Because we are part of this "called-out" assembly of God, we are under the discipline of God's Holy Word and must obey His commandments.

How? Keep your eyes on the Lord

- You move from pleasing people towards pleasing God. When you do that, then you can move to encourage and minister to those you are serving.
- As a result of keeping your eyes on the Lord, your faith and trust in Him become stronger.
- Then you are able to weather the storms, personal struggles, adversity, and the spiritual warfare that the ministry may face.
- Keeps Satan from tempting you with "busyness" to crowd Christ out of your life which keeps you from accomplishing the work of the Lord.

The above points complement the support beams of our church, which are Faith and Obedience. That gives us our victory! Prayer and Intercession give us our communication and power as a Body of Christ. Hebrews 12:28-29 sums up these points: *"Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire."* (KJV)

Women of God, in whatever spiritual gifts and talents God has blessed you with to be used in serving Him in ministry, **I charge you** to "*Remember whose you are and Do it unto God.*"

Serenity According to Me

Poem by Rhonda Wilkinson

God grant me the serenity to accept the things that I cannot change,
But what in my life do I need to re-arrange?
Is it the things that I've done in the past?
Or the situations that were wrong and did not last?

I would like the courage to change the things that I can.
By the grace of God, He will come up with a plan.
The past is lost; the future too far to see;
Just for today, I will focus on just being me!
How will I grasp the wisdom to know the difference?
Is it I that will know the instant
That my life is not mine, it is ALL God's will?
That time will tell, and that faith will heal...



Cultivating Fruit

By Chanel Trussell



We know that in order for a seed to become a piece of fruit, it must go through a transformation. It must be nurtured and cultivated in order to take root. It also takes time.

Just as real fruit needs time so do we. Our transformation occurs as we are cultivated and nurtured by the Holy Spirit. As this occurs, we can develop fruit. No, we cannot become oranges and grapes, but we will have more self-control, more gentleness, more kindness,... (Galatians 5:23).

How are we cultivated – through test and trials! I know that the Lord is cultivating me to produce the fruit of self-control. I get upset easily when an offense comes. How am I being cultivated – through receiving many offenses, which I had to learn self-control through those situations.

I am learning to control my thoughts, my tongue, and my actions. I am more aware of my triggers and pray before I respond. Since I love to write, journaling has helped. We must allow the Lord to cultivate us, so we can produce good fruit, since we are known by our fruit (Matthew 7:20).

So how is the Lord cultivating you? Are you producing fruit? Even a “grape” is progress.

He Is

Poem by Rhonda Wilkinson

HE IS....

HE is the snowflake that melts in the snow,
HE is the star that has the brightest glow.

HE is the tree that stands strong and so tall,
HE is the ant that is so very, very small.

HE is the flower the blooms in the spring,
HE is the wind that blows that old swing.

HE is the sun that shines warm, sunny and bright,
HE is the moon that rises every single night.

HE is the cocoon that is ready to become a caterpillar,
HE is the preacher that asks, "What is the matter?"

HE is the feeling that you get deep down within,
HE is that tiny voice that tells you not to sin.

HE is my ALL, my every day strength,
HE is my LOVE, and with that I give thanks!

Amen and Amen



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