



WOMEN AS GOD'S TRUSTEES

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A trustee is a person that manages the investment, estate, business or organisation of others because he is honest, truthful and loyal.

The church and family units therein are God's estate and investment in the world. Every woman in the church, whether married or single is placed in a family by God as His trustee. She is God's instrument and representative to keep and manage the affairs of that family for the benefits and advantage of the members thereof. No woman then can make a success of this all-important role in life if she does not know her duties clearly. This is the essence of this article.

DUTIES OF GOD'S TRUSTEES

I. Understand The Mind Of God.

The Bible is the mind of God on all issues of life. If a woman must serve as God's trustee therefore, she must not live by the wisdom, traditions and vain philosophies of men (Colossians 2: 6-8). Instead, she should live by the word of God, giving herself wholly to the study and meditation of the Bible and follow its precepts. This, we can clearly see in Joshua 1: 8 and Psalm 1: 2-3.

II. Understand Your Job Description.

The simple job description of a woman as defined by God is that of support. She is to serve as a helper from God at home, church and society at large. There then is no basis for comparison and competition with men in this regard.

“For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for man.”

1Corinthians 11: 8-9

If you find it difficult to accept this fact, then you are not ready to do the job yet talk less of succeeding at it. You need to accept the uniqueness of your position as a woman first in order to make success out of it in line with God’s will for your life. Every woman has been chosen as God’s Co-labourer to care for, guard, keep, protect, support, sustain and uphold the family and church. As a woman, you must strive to achieve this purpose in all ramifications; the way you dress, talk, eat, conduct yourself and carry out your duties (1Corinthians 10: 31). Anything short of this makes you no different from an infidel.

III. Ensure That God’s Investment In Your Care Does Not Depreciate.

As a wife and mother in a home, your husband and children’s lives must not deteriorate or depreciate whether physically or spiritually. The local church to which you belong too must not diminish in spiritual fervour or vigour. This is an enormous task that requires soberness and serious work on your knees in the secret. Ask yourself: ‘In what capacity am I helping to keep the fire of the Holy Spirit aglow in my family and church?’ Are you best described as a caterpillar or bulldozer, destroying mighty and important trees along its path or a pest deliberately causing offence, harm or destruction to sources of growth and nourishment?

The church today is in a state of depravity because many daughters of Zion have forsaken God, the fountain of living waters and have got for themselves broken cisterns that can hold no water (Jeremiah 2: 13). Many are only outwardly beautiful but corrupt and rotten within; little wonder then that rottenness is now seen in many spheres of the life of the church. Mary knew what it takes to be God’s trustee. She was ever found learning at the Lord’s feet. Martha, on the other hand was bothered and torn apart by many empty activities. She received no commendation from the Master. Which best describes you out of these two women?

IV. Understand That Your Duty Cannot Be Delegated To Another Person

A pregnant woman cannot delegate the duty to travail and bring forth her baby to someone else. Even, when surgery is required, she must of a necessity surrender herself to the painful exercise as her life and that of the baby is endangered. She however needs the assistance of doctors, nurses etc for safe delivery. In the same way,

your duty as a wife, mother or daughter in the house and church cannot be delegated to someone else. The future of many children have been jeopardised because their mothers have left them at the mercy of house-helpers and others at home. Lots of marriages have been destroyed due to the negligence of wives as house-helpers and others have been saddled with matrimonial duties. No wonder then that some house-helpers have taken over the marriage beds of certain women too. In the church also, lots of women like soldiers at the war front have left their duty posts. Does that describe you?

V. Must Not Deviate From Terms of Operation.

The Christian walk is on the narrow way and so gives no room for frivolity. A lifestyle of discipline and self-denial must be maintained. No excess luggage is allowed. It is a permanent stand for Christ and righteousness. A Christian woman cannot afford to be like other women for she belongs to a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a peculiar people called out to show forth God's praise in this dark, wicked and perverse generation. Copying every ungodly and satanic practise, all in the name of friendship and fashion is evil and detrimental to your soul. Such things are potent enough to lure your heart away from God and bring His wrath (Numbers 25: 1-3 & 9).

VI. Must Be Accountable.

2Corinthians 5: 10 says, *“For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.”* Again, Jesus declares in Revelation 21: 11-12, *“He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he that is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.”*

Womanhood calls for soberness of mind and not frivolous living as some think. You shall either be commended or condemned by God in judgement for whatever you make of the life of your husband, children and the church. Every faithful and wise woman, serving as God's trustees in households must keep this in mind. The Lord or death would come at a time we least expect. Your years are gradually fading, you would soon be gone and your toil end. You will eventually be remembered only by what you have done!