

# Relationship Reboot

DEVOTIONAL | BIBLICAL WOMANHOOD

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**Discussion Starter:** What do you think of when you consider the concept of womanhood?

**Key Passage:** “Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. <sup>31</sup> Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.” (Proverbs 31:30-31)

As we learned in our lesson “Biblical Manhood” last week, God instituted different roles for each gender when he created the two genders: male and female (Genesis 1:27; 5:2; Matthew 19:4). And yet, in Christ, we have equal value and equal responsibility to obey and serve God. The biblical commands to yield ourselves to worship the Lord by offering ourselves as living sacrifices and to be transformed by the renewing of our mind (Romans 12:1-2) apply equally to men and women.

**Discuss:** What are some stereotypes of womanhood in our culture today?

**Discuss:** What are some unique challenges a Christian woman may face (that a man might not face) in yielding herself to the Lord and being transformed by the renewing of her mind?

**Discuss:** Read our Key Passage again above (Proverbs 31:30-31). What characteristics mark biblical womanhood according to this passage?

1 Peter 3:3-4 also gives insight on what it means to be a godly woman. In the text, Peter is specifically addressing wives, but the truths apply to all Christian women. “*Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God’s sight.*”

**Discuss:** What similarities do you see between 1 Peter 3:3-4 and Proverbs 31:30-31?

**Discuss:** Biblical womanhood focuses more on the beauty of inner godly character than on outward appearance. Why do you think this is?

**Discuss:** How would you instruct and encourage a woman who is a new Christian to focus more on inner godly character than on outward appearance?

**Discuss:** Who is a Christian woman you admire? What qualities cause you to admire her?

Titus 2:3-5 also provides some characteristics of biblical womanhood: *“Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good,<sup>4</sup> and so train the young women to love their husbands and children,<sup>5</sup> to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.”*

**Discuss:** What characteristics mark biblical womanhood in Titus 2:3-5?

**Discuss:** What similarities do you see between Titus 2:3-5 and Proverbs 31:30-31 and 1 Peter 3:3-4?

**Discuss:** What differences do you see between Titus 2:3-5 and Proverbs 31:30-31 and 1 Peter 3:3-4?

**Discuss:** What are the benefits of mature Christian women mentoring younger Christian women?

### **For Further Study**

*Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood: A Response to Evangelical Feminism* by John Piper & Wane Grudem

Articles on Biblical Womanhood at [www.crosswalk.com](http://www.crosswalk.com)

*A Woman After God's Own Heart* by Elizabeth George