

Radiant People Collection

Radiant Womanhood, RPC5

Radiant people belong to the family of God.

Radiant People are disciples in a spiritual family with healthy spiritual mothers and fathers.

Romans 16: 1-18

(Fresh Start Bible, Pg 1003)

Women played a vibrant and vital role within the New Testament Church nurturing them toward maturity, as a mother, to become radiant in their culture.

Men and women were created by YHWH as partners who are co-equal in value and distinct in roles.

Men have a headship role: accountability, loving service, & protective authority.

Women have a role of helper: nurture, counsel, resource

Where God designed partnership, sin distorts it into a power play for control. We were not meant to control people, but partner with them. We are called to mutual submission not gender-dominated subjugation (Ephesians 5:21).

Proverbs 31:10-31

(Fresh Start Bible, Pg 548)

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Manages - She stewards her inner world and outer world with diligence so it flourishes

Open-Handed - She is generous, resourceful, nurturing, and hospitable.

Teaches with Wisdom - She walks, talks, and listens to the Holy Spirit.

Household savant - She can take a house and make it a home so others feel safe and connected in relationships.

Excellent in character - She uses her whole being to embody a standard of Godly holiness, unity of faith and honor toward others with a listening ear and refusal to gossip.

Radiant - She has a loyal allegiance to Jesus and acts in accord with the nature, gifts & fruit of the Holy Spirit

PRACTICING THE WAY

As disciples of Jesus, we know our allegiance to Him as King is expressed in our daily practice. We are not pursuing perfection, but want to practice our faith each day. These practices will point you toward spiritual formation as an apprentice (disciple) to Jesus.

Start the Fresh Start Pathway with a friend.

Recite the Radiant Liturgy each morning:

We are the radiant people of God. We are consumed with the preeminence, purity, and beauty of the holy God who was before the beginning. He provided Redemption for us, making a way into a relationship that produces unimaginable renewal in our lives, and eventually, the world itself. So we gather to encounter His presence and be transformed into the radiant people of God. We are His apprentices and ambassadors. We are full of joy and peace and love. We are the people of God in full pursuit of the person of Jesus, the power of His presence, and actively walking in the pathway of His teachings. We long to see Him create renewal in the place we live. We are passionate about Jesus. We are radiant.

Talk it Over (with friends, a spouse, or connect group)

- Read Romans 16:1-18 . What do you notice within this passage?
- Sunday's message was about the Biblical Vision for Women. Did anything in the message stand out to you or stir a question within you?
- What are some parallels to God's design for nuclear families and His design for the Church?
- When you hear the term "helper" what comes to mind? God is said to be our "helper," does that align with your view of "helper?" What is similar and what is different?
- Where God designed partnership, sin distorts it into a power play for control. What is the remedy to this problem? What does God-honoring partnership look like in a church or in a home?
- Read Proverbs 31:10-31. What do you observe within this text?