

## Holy women, Holy calling

IPeter 3:1-7

Genesis 1:26-28

God created both male and female equally in His image as a beautiful and very good expression of Himself.

IPeter 3 tells us that we women and men are both heirs or have equal inheritance together in the grace of Life or in the receiving of eternal life by faith via the Gospel.

Isaiah 43:6-7 tells us we both His sons and daughters created for His glory and formed and made by God personally.

Created with equal value, equal purpose, and loved with an equally passionate love....

However we have unique and wonderfully different, but equally important Roles in Gods plan of the ages.

Genesis -man was made first to be responsible for providing servant leadership and loving protection and provision and was to represent Christ.

Women. Were be the responder to that strength and leadership as one who comes along side, the helper in completing a fuller picture of God.

To provide support and accentuate adding their strength to the picture of two becoming One. Why does God take one( Adam) and them make two out of him....to then be made One. Because both together are picturing a greater reality, not of themselves but of Gods marriage to His bride. Not about them but Him and includes them.

# 1 peter 3:1-7

Proverbs 31 virtuous women

Mary according to your word be it done unto me...

Amy Carmichael 55 years India

Mary slesser over 30 years Nigeria

Gladys Aylward -a weh deh the virtuous one

One day the Mandarin invited her to a special dinner. The prison warden was there, as were other officials, and several wealthy merchants. Then he stood and gave a speech:

From the other side of the world Ai-Weh-Deh journeyed to China, owing allegiance only to her living God. She brought her Christianity to Yang-cheng. She had not sat hidden inside a temple contemplating how virtuous she was. She had unbound the feet of infants. She had helped the poor. She had visited the jails. She had taken orphans under her roof. She had nursed the wounded.

Her faith was alive. More than anyone the Mandarin had ever met, Ai-Weh-Deh demonstrated the power of love. She loved China so much she became a citizen... The Mandarin admitted he had debated with her the merits of her faith against the merits of his old Confucius ways, a hundred times. But Confucianism lives in my head, not in my heart, as Christianity does in Ai-Weh-Deh and her converts. [As a result] I wish to become a Christian!

# Summary

Like all of us who have come to christ we are not our own any longer... We must renew our minds to the truth of what God has said in His Word.

Psalm 34:6-7

1. We have been for Him and by Him for his glory
2. His eternal purposes make us beautiful in Him as we are redeemed from sin and all of the effects of sin to be able to express him.
3. The role that both men and women play is unique and beautiful and completes the picture of seeing Him and His brides image more fully together.