

Prophet's Column

"A Virtuous Woman"

By J. M. Little

The word "virtuous" means chaste, pure, and of moral excellence. Our subject at this time is "A Virtuous Woman."

Two women stand out against each other throughout the Bible. One is the virtuous woman, and the other is the rebellious or brawling woman.

In Prov. 12:4, "A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband; but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones."

A virtuous woman, according to the Scriptures, is a saved woman. How many of you women are saved? Do you know the Lord Jesus Christ as your Lord and your Saviour? Can you, as a woman, go back to the time in your life when the Holy Spirit awakened you to your lost condition as a sinner on the road to Hell? Can you go back to the time the Lord told you all things you ever did? (Jn. 4:29).

Was there a period of time your heart was laid bare with you seeing the utter depravity of your heart and you saw yourself to be so vile and corrupt, and despaired of ever being saved? Did you see there was absolutely nothing you could do to save yourself? Did you ever see that if the Holy Spirit should let you go, withdraw from you, that you would sink immediately into Hell? Did you ever struggle with a hard heart of unbelief? Was Christ REVEALED to your heart through the Word as your Substitute, your Redeemer?

My dear woman, if these things I have mentioned have not taken place in your heart, let me say as the beloved Apostle Peter said to old Simon, "Thou art still in the gall of bitterness and the bond of iniquity." Now you had better think seriously on your way. For you are headed for eternity, for Heaven or Hell, my dear woman.

I'll never forget seven years ago, in 1972, when we first began to publish the Gospel here. Some women, certain ones who at one time claimed to be friends of mine, rose up in such rebellion as the Lord crossed their wills in the messages. Some would take me for a skinning after they'd read the message. Well, the message is still the same: It's repent or go to Hell! I have no compromise for you. The Lord did not change the Word for His only begotten Son, and He'll not change it for you. You'll come God's way or go to Hell.

Just yesterday I was down on the farm using my cutting torch. And as I was there in the shop using that hot flame to heat and cut iron, I thought about souls in Hell burning in a flame far hotter than a flame that can cut iron. I don't want to see any soul go to a place like that. A flame such as I was using to cut metal can make the metal melt. The metal gets white before it melts. Sister, the fire in Hell is much hotter than a welder's cutting torch. Now you had better think seriously. I am no harder than God's Word.

Solomon said that a virtuous woman is a crown to her husband. Yes, she is. Why was woman made in the first place? Now you listen to God: "And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make a HELP MEET for him." (Gen. 2:18). The crowning point in Adam's life there in Eden was his being given a woman by Jehovah. A man is not complete without a woman. That does not make the woman equal with the man. All this movement to make women equal with men is of the Devil. A woman told me several years ago she was going to report me to the Women's Liberation Movement. I told her to go ahead.

The Apostle Paul said, "...but the woman is the glory of the man." (I. Cor. 11:7). Let me ask you, my dear woman, are you glorying in your husband? Are you? If not, you are not his crowning. A virtuous woman is one who obeys her husband. You are commanded by the Lord to do so. (Eph. 5:22-24). God will not change His Word! How beautiful it is to see a woman in her place in obedience to her husband. I told you seven years ago a woman never gets saved until she first learns obedience to her husband. But you are still in rebellion as you were then. I don't know if you'll ever get saved or not. No woman can ever be saved as long as she rebels against her husband. A woman has two heads to come under; your husband and the Lord.

If a woman has learned obedience to her husband, her pastor will have no trouble with her. Now you think on these things.

"Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies." (Prov. 31:10). A virtuous woman, one who is saved, will be found fulfilling her responsibility by her husband. She knows what he likes to eat, and MAKES



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SURE SHE PREPARES WHAT HE LIKES TO EAT.

I heard my mother sometime ago say that she didn't prepare certain foods because she knew my father didn't like them. She prepares my father's meals on time and right, he doesn't have to ask her to fix them. She is going to keep his house clean, his clothes clean and ready. And when we were children in the home she fulfilled her responsibility by her children which is a woman's second responsibility. Your first responsibility is to your husband, and secondly, to your children.

Now the opposite of a virtuous woman is a rebellious woman. Here is a woman who has refused to bow in obedience to her husband. You are rebellious and stubborn. You have failed to fulfill your responsibility to your husband. He has been telling you for years how he likes his meals fixed, but you put just the opposite before him most of the time. And if some other woman happens to bake him a 'tate' custard you get jealous.

When a woman has failed to fulfill her responsibility toward her husband, she is afraid some other woman may. Now you think about what you should be doing and you won't have to let the green-eyed monster get you.

Listen again: "The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil." (Vs. 11). If a woman is in her place by her husband, fulfilling her responsibilities, he'll have no need to think about a woman somewhere else. But how many women have been the cause of a broken home by refusing to have anything to do with their husbands sexually? Man and woman were made to satisfy each other. Paul said to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife.

I was in a home one time and the man of the house came in from a long journey. The wife said to him when he got in, "Do you want me to fix you something to eat?" That question cut me to my heart. How in the world could she ask a heartless question like that?

The man was hurt also but tried not to let on that he was. But if you want to fool somebody don't try to fool me. That woman needs to be tarred and feathered! That is not a virtuous woman! She has never learned her place in the home!

Our homes are gone today. I realize we have so much worldliness to fight. But God has not cancelled the responsibility He laid on us.

Listen again, "She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life." (Vs. 12). It will take a strong, virtuous woman not to tear her husband down if he is doing wrong. The statement has been made, "No, I'm not going to obey him because he is running around on me." He's wrong for his running around with another woman, but that does not cancel God's command to you. And you are to carry out your duty before the Lord regardless as to how he lives. The Lord will see to him.

I said of a certain woman seven years ago, "Look at how she keeps that house clean. She keeps the children clean, and has been faithful to that man." She was helping that man all she could and yet he had to go out and lay up with another woman. That man ought to be bull-whipped. But it doesn't matter what the other person does, you come on to Christ.

There may not be very many virtuous women today, but I praise the Lord for each one. How is it between you and the Lord? Are you saved? Do you know Christ? I plead with you to turn to Christ before the door of mercy is shut.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
RE: Federal Operating Assistance for Charlotte's Intra-City Bus System

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City of Charlotte in the second floor Council Chamber of Charlotte City Hall, 600 East Trade Street, Charlotte, at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, June 21, 1979, for the purpose of considering a project for which financial assistance is being sought from the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended, generally described as follows:

- A. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:**
 - 1) Seek operating assistance funds under Section 5 of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended November 25, 1974. Operating assistance is sought for the purpose of aiding the City of Charlotte in the preservation and continuation of the existing public transportation system by improvement and expansion of the system through the "local share" money and Federal grant funds.
 - 2) The public transportation system is managed by ATE Management Company, with offices, maintenance, servicing and storage facilities located at 707 North Brevard Street, Charlotte, North Carolina.
 - 3) The City is seeking \$2,084,700, or one-half the total estimated operating deficit for fiscal year 1980, from the Urban Mass Transportation Administration. The source of the local share money will be non-property tax revenues from the City of Charlotte General Fund.
 - B. RELOCATION:**
No persons, families, or businesses will be displaced by this project.
 - C. ENVIRONMENT:**
The proposed project will have no significant adverse environmental impact upon the Charlotte urbanized area during fiscal year 1980.
 - D. COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING:**
This project is in conformance with comprehensive land use and transportation planning in the area.
 - E. ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED:**
The proposed project has provisions for charging no more than one-half of the peak hour fare for elderly and handicapped persons.
 - F. CHARTER AND SCHOOL BUS OPERATIONS:**
 - 1) The mass transportation operator (the City of Charlotte, North Carolina) to be assisted under this project does not engage in charter bus operations outside its transit service area and/or did not derive more than \$15,000 from charter bus operations during its more recently completed fiscal year (fiscal year 1979). Therefore, the requirements of 49 CFR 604 (UMTA regulations published in the Federal Register, April, 1976) do not apply to this project.
 - 2) The mass transportation operator (the City of Charlotte, North Carolina) to be assisted under this project does not engage in school bus operations exclusively for the transportation of students and school personnel. Therefore, the requirements of 49 CFR 605 do not apply to this project.
- At the hearing the City of Charlotte will afford interested persons or agencies to be heard with respect to the social, economic, and environmental aspects of the project. Interested persons may submit oral or written evidence and recommendations with respect to said project.
- A copy of the application for a Federal grant for the proposed project together with an environmental statement is currently available for public inspection at Charlotte City Hall, 600 East Trade Street, Charlotte, North Carolina, in the office of the City Clerk. Distribution of Transportation Benefits information and applicable maps are available for public inspection at the Transit Planning Office, 130 South Davidson Street, Charlotte, North Carolina.

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YWCA Celebrating

The "International Year"

The YWCA is celebrating the International Year of the Child by concentrating on special activities for children, the kind that are fun yet teach skills that are new and different.

The program is being kicked off on Saturday, June 2, at the Trade Street YWCA, 418 E. Trade St., with a Celebrate Children Festival with an international theme. This is free to all; the hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Face painting, crafts, music, balloons, refreshments, dance, films and discussion are on the program.

"Little Chef", a class for girls 8-12, will introduce them to cooking basics, with preparation, clean-up and consumption of casseroles, desserts, and simple dinners. Food cost is included in the \$25 fee for the 10-week class which meets Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Park Road YWCA, starting June 18. (Teens can learn basic, French, Natural Food Cooking and Cake Decorating.)

"Nature Drawing" is keyed to rising 4th graders and up who like to get outdoors and learn to sketch groupings, textures and shading. Students bring pencil, sketch pad and eraser to the 8-week class starting Tuesday, June 19, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Park Road Center. Fee is \$15.

"Mother & Child Tote Painting" - the gentle art of painting on metal is something third graders and up and their moms can enjoy working together, for five weeks beginning Wednesday, June 20 (no class July 4), at Park Road. Fee is \$10 for mom or dad; \$19 for parent and child.
Time trials for the YWCA's

Swim Team, inaugurated this year, is Tuesday, June 12 at the Park Road YW pool, from 4 to 7 p.m. The Swim Team will actually be two teams: the "Charlotte Otters" for ages 6-18 who meet time cutoffs and skill requirements, and the "Charlotte Otter Pups" for those working up to team level. Call Stephanie Sullivan at 325-5770 for information about the Otters, and Karen Williams at 333-7553 for information about the Otter Pups.

Other special activities for children include "Me and My Shadow", physical coordinations for 18 mo. to 2 year olds; Mom-Tot Gym & Swim for ages 4-5 and their moms; Tumbling and Gymnastics for

ages five and up; Dance for the Gymnast for ages 8 and up; Movement Exploration for ages 2 thru 5; Self Defense for boys and girls 6-12; Swimming and Tennis; Creative, Ballet and Modern Dance; Baton for ages 3 thru 12; Guitar and Piano.
Finally, a new day camp for four and five-year olds "Kiddie Kamp" joins the YWCA's popular "Kamp-A-Long" for ages 7 thru 12. Kiddie Kamp will have two morning sessions of four weeks each, two days a week. Kamp-A-Long will have four sessions of two weeks each; 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 525-5770 for information. Registration for classes starts Saturday, June 9, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Ethnic And Cultural Barriers

Of Health Care To Be Examined

CHAPEL HILL - Health beliefs of ethnic and religious groups and cultural differences in health care will be discussed at a June 4 conference in Charlotte.

Approximately 100 health-care professionals from across the United States are expected to attend the symposium, "Solving Cultural and Ethnic Barriers to Health Care," sponsored by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Social Work and the UNC-CH School of Public Health's department of maternal and child health. The conference will be held in the Holiday Inn North in Charlotte.

Audrey E. Johnson, associate professor of social work, said, "We'd like to bring to the

attention of health-care providers the input they can make and the impact they can have in breaking cultural and ethnic barriers to health care problems that have been around for a long time but are not often addressed."

Johnson and Elizabeth L. Watkins, professor of maternal and child health, are co-directors of the symposium.

"We also plan to look at such things as education-how can we provide service for people different than ourselves and how can research be used as a tool," Johnson said.

The symposium will feature speakers from universities, medical centers and government agencies and will include workshops on different strategies of social work practice.



Khadijah Abdullah (L) and Carrie Graves (R) say farewell to Ella Spencer as she returns to prison. A battered wife who killed her husband, Ms. Spencer faces 6 years in prison. Supporters are urging the N.C. Parole Board to grant her an early parole saying that she acted in self-defense and is not a danger to society. According to a survey conducted by

Ms. Abdullah, 55 percent of all wives in the Charlotte area are beaten by their husbands. A shelter for battered women is now operating out of the Salvation Army, and may be reached by calling 374-3094 (days) or 373-0982 (nights). (Photo by Eileen Hanson)