

WHAT GOD WANTS HIS WOMEN TO BE LIKE

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Week 1 – Foundational Truths

Ask the following questions after reading each set of Scripture verses:

--What is the principle taught in these verses?

--Is there a practical application mentioned? If so, is it applicable to my culture?

--If the specific application mentioned is not appropriate in my culture, how can I apply this principle in my life?

II Timothy 3:16-17

Principle: _____

Application stated: _____

Application in my life: _____

John 14:15-17, 21

James 2:14-18

I John 2:3-6

Proverbs 14:12

Proverbs 16:25

James 2:19

Principle: _____

Application stated: _____

Application in my life: _____

Matthew 7:1

I Corinthians 5:9-13

Romans 14

Principle: _____

Application stated: _____

Application in my culture: _____

Psalms 40:8

Psalms 143:10

Principle: _____

Application stated: _____

Application in my life: _____

Genesis 2:18-22

I Corinthians 11:8-

9,11-12

I Timothy 2:12-13

Principle: _____

Application stated: _____

Application in my life: _____

Scenario #1:

You meet another young mom at the park, and she tells you she is also a Christian, but you don't recognize the name of her inter-denominational church. You agree to meet regularly for a play-group, and over the course of a few weeks, you learn some interesting things about her, including the facts that she does not eat pork products or allow her daughters (or sons!) to play with Barbie dolls. Do you:

- a) conclude she is an unsaved legalist and break off the relationship?
- b) conclude she is an saved-but-mistaken legalist and remind her of God's grace in every conversation?
- c) conclude she is an unsaved legalist and begin at square one, showing her that her works can never save her?
- d) other?

Scenario #2:

You are invited to the home of a church acquaintance and notice when you arrive that she is wearing a dress, while you are wearing jeans. You enjoy the visit, but you notice that there is apparently no TV in the home, her daughters are also wearing dresses and her kitchen shelves are full of organic, no-sugar items. You have a TV in your front living room, there are coke cans and twinkie wrappers littering you kitchen & den, and everyone in your family wears shorts unless it's freezing outside. Do you:

- a) assume she would think you are an unspiritual pagan and avoid any conversation that might lead to revealing the above-mentioned facts about your home?
- b) reciprocate her invitation and ask her and her daughters to come to you house next week?
- c) conclude she is an unsaved legalist and break off the relationship?
- d) conclude she is an saved-but-mistaken legalist and remind her of God's grace in every conversation?
- e) conclude she is an unsaved legalist and begin at square one, showing her that her works can never save her?
- f) other?

Scenario #3:

There is a family in your congregation that seems to have it all together, but they only show up for church on Sunday mornings. They rarely attend Sunday School or most of the church's social functions. Their children do not attend Children's Church. Your children are never invited to their children's birthday parties, nor do they accept your invitations to your children's birthday parties. Their children do not participate in extra-curricular activities or play with the neighbor kids. Oh, by the way, they homeschool. Do you:

- a) suspect foul play and report them to social services?
- b) write them off as hopelessly different than you?
- c) conclude the parents are unsaved legalists and keep your kids away from their kids?
- d) conclude the parents are saved-but-mistaken legalists and remind them of God's grace in every conversation? (Better yet, if you're the pastor, preach lots of sermons about God's grace!)
- e) assume they think you are hopelessly unspiritual and avoid them as much as possible?
- f) look for a good opportunity to ask the parents about some of their "peculiar" practices?
- g) other