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Isaiah 43:19 Behold I do a new thing!!!!

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Empowering Women

Empower means to enable or to authorize.

If ever there was a day when women need more than willpower to accomplish all that is required of them on a daily basis, it is now!!!! There is only one source of this kind of enabling power that I am talking about, and it is the power that comes from our Lord Jesus Christ. The POWER to enable us to live a purposeful, successful, joyous and energized life, regardless of our circumstances.

We are all busy, too busy for our own good some times, even running on empty, but let me help you find this source of Power and, like Jesus said, "You will never thirst again." (John 4:13)



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The Apostle Paul put it this way as he sought this enabling, authorizing Power, "I want to know the Christ and the POWER of His resurrection." Phil 3:10

The word POWER in the scriptures has two meanings that are relevant here.

Dynamic: Meaning explosive Power. It is the kind of power you see in operation when someone experiences salvation or an instant healing, or resurrection from the dead, as we see in the life of Jesus. (**If you have never experienced Salvation, you can do it right now by asking Jesus into your heart.*)

The other word is **Dynamo:** Meaning a constant flow of Power. It is the Power to take control over our circumstances, our feelings, the thoughts of our minds and the words of our mouth. This flow of Power helps us to keep calm in the midst of a storm, or to go about our daily lives victoriously passing every test and trial. After all, we were not created to be mere women, but rather Supernatural Women filled with His POWER.

The empowered woman is powerful beyond measure and beautiful beyond description.

How do we get this power to function in our everyday lives?

Let's be realistic! None of us can be in the Word of God and prayer meetings all the time, 24/7 when we have children to care for; not to mention a husband and a job outside the home! But we can still draw on this Power we so desperately need.

For example, instead of only a habit of prayer, why not have a spirit of prayer? What's the difference you may ask? The habit of prayer is a certain time

each day that we have set aside to pray. You see this habit of prayer in the life of the disciples as they went to the Temple at 3 pm each day to pray (Acts 3:1). But the spirit of pray is when we are able to pray wherever we are, at any time, 24/7. We walk with Jesus and talk with Him moment by moment as we journey through our busy lives.

We all know we are a royal priesthood unto the Lord (1 Peter 2:9)

Ok, let's use the illustration of the Old Testament Tabernacle for example (Exodus 25-40). The priests spent most of their time with the people in the outer court. That is exactly what most of us do on a daily basis. Most of our time is spent surrounded by other people time. But the Priests whole life was not spent with the people, but they would also come away from the people into the inner court. It is in the inner court that we find the Menorah and the Showbread. The Menorah would illuminate the Showbread, which is symbolic of Jesus and His Word being illuminated to us daily by the light of the Holy Spirit. The Word comes alive to us as we feast upon it daily, gaining wisdom and strength, empowering us to live the life ordained by the Lord for us to live.

But there are times when we must also set ourselves aside and come into the Holy of...

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Holies to meet with the Lord, engulfed with His Shekinah Glory, which is the very presence of the Lord. We come to that Mercy seat and pour out our hearts, lay our requests before the Lord, or just sit in His presence and wait upon the Him, Isaiah 40:31; Hebrews 4:16.

When human wisdom will not suffice, it is time for an Holy of Holy experience, a face to face with our Lord. You will come out glowing! Your family and others will know you have been in His presence. Remember Moses? When he came out of the presence of God his face shone and everyone knew that he had been with the Lord. They will know you have been there too!

Find a quiet place where you can meet with the Lord every day. It may be taking a walk, sitting quietly in your chair at home, or taking a few minutes while baby sleeps. The location of your body is unimportant, it is the location of your heart and mind that count.

Be with the people in the outer court because that's life!!! But give the Holy Spirit time to enlighten the Word of God to you daily in the inner court, empowering you to live a victorious life.

Then, always remember, "Face Time" with the Lord in the Holy of Holies is essential to becoming an Empowered woman of God.

Dr. Hazel Lurline Hill

Women On The Mission Field

by Laurie Wepler, Victory Family Church, Swift Current, Saskatchewan, Canada

My husband and I are the directors of the Victory House Baja in the beautiful city of Ensenada, Mexico. I have learned so much being a woman on the mission

field and I want to share 3 key things that I have learned:

1. Watch, Ask & Listen

On big thing I have learned is to ask questions, to listen and to learn. I had to learn everything from how and where to buy food to how to pay bills and most of it I learned from asking and watching the local women. Learning to understand the culture and the language is very important. The old saying "When in Rome, do as the Romans" is so true!



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2. Work As A Team

My husband and I are a good team and we help each other, which is so very needed. Everyday things we did in Canada are different here. For example, I had to learn how to drive by following my husband in a separate truck. Driving here isn't so difficult, it is knowing where to go. Most of the streets don't have signs, and I had to overcome the feeling of getting lost.

3. Put Yourself Out There

It can be easy to isolate yourself when you are in a new country and you don't know anyone, but as a woman on the mission field, I found I needed to put myself out there. I've made some good friends among the local women,

who have helped me a lot! We have had many great times talking about the Lord and going to ladies meetings. The meetings are in Spanish and about 4-5 hours long (and I understand it, Praise God!), but I have had to make myself available to the women. It can be so easy to say, "no, I don't want to go, I won't understand" but getting out there helps to grow us!

I have found that even though we are from different countries, we all need each other and we all have struggles. Throughout my time here, Jeremiah 29:11 has been my anchor, *"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."*

I AM

NOT AFRAID...

I WAS

BORN TO DO THIS

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An Encouraging Word To Widows

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Widows In the bible were usually poor, lonely and in need of help. Today widows also need help but in other ways. After my wonderful husband passed away I realized my need to be accepted and included. I found that I had to create a new existence, a new way of life. There are times when being a widow I feel lonely and isolated, but that is simply part of the process of change.

I had to recreate my life and much of it was done through prayer and Bible reading. I call on God when matters come up that I don't want to face alone. When I need guidance I find that God shows Himself strong on my behalf. I needed to make new single friends and create new things to do. In my case, I felt a strong calling to devote myself fully to ministry, having more time as a widow to devote to God. I now serve in the church, the local jail and a secular support group doing my best through the power of the Holy Spirit to be salt & light.

Pastors George & Hazel Hill have loved and supported me in ministry and church leadership. I believe widows need a special kind of encouragement and acceptance. By getting such needed encouragement it made me realize that even though my ministry with my husband was gone, I could still make an impact for the Kingdom. My passion is sharing the love of God and to see souls being saved. I often say, "you have given other religions and Satan enough chances. How about giving Jesus a chance?" and they always say yes!

Laughter and fun are also vital for a widow. Friends, ministries and social activities fill my life and help me to be used by God for His purposes. Since being a widow I have seen increased involvement and guidance from the Holy Spirit to minister to women, with powerful and life changing opportunities I had never been given before. I believe it is a special "widows anointing". Our lives have seasons, widowhood is a season and our mindset can make it a joy when we realize God's great love for us.

"And show your own self in all respects to be a pattern and a model of good deeds and good works".

Titus 2: 7

Cultivating a Culture of Gratitude in Your Home

by Pastor Sharon Williams
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In life and in parenting we all know, some things are taught and some things are caught. Perhaps you've discovered as I have, children seem to listen far more intently with their eyes than they do with their ears. Even in the most subtle moments they are watching to see how we respond to the people and circumstances around us.

If you desire to raise children who are grateful (and who doesn't want that), the most powerful tool you can utilize is the art of modelling well. Here are three simple strategies that you can begin modelling today to shift the culture of your home away from grumbling and toward gratitude.

1. Keep Jesus at the Centre

Prioritize Family Worship in your home. Resolve to make a time (even if it is just around the dinner table) to focus your thanks toward God. Model this in prayer and thanksgiving to God for the special highlights from your day. From an early age ingrain James 1:17 into your children; "Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father." Teach them that there is NO good thing

apart from God and that every good thing in their lives is from Him. When your child understands that their favorite toy or special place, is in reality a gift from God, they have a concrete way of seeing God show up in everyday moments and can give thanks to Him rightly.

2. Recognize and Vocalize

Make an intentional effort to see the little acts of kindness and service from your family members, and praise each one. Sometimes picking a flower or drawing picture for you is the greatest capacity for generosity our young ones possess. Recognize these simple gestures as

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"IN *Happy*
MOMENTS,
PRAISE GOD.
IN DIFFICULT MOMENTS,
SEEK *God.*
IN QUIET MOMENTS,
trust GOD.
IN EVERY MOMENT,
THANK *God.*"



O' Daughter of Excellence

By: Nicole Anderson

O' Excellent One, Come Forth
Listen for the Fragrant Winds
of the North

For your Purpose is your
Value,

Showing you your Worth
Right now Your King Calls for
You

He is Jesus, Beautiful Holy
One

The One we Love, God's Very
Own Son

So, Come Forth, O' Daughter
of Excellence

Know you are His Treasure
He has Eyes for Only You

It simply brings Him Pleasure
He is the Perfect Standard,

The King's Royal Measure
Excellence is poured into You
Daughter

So Be You, Be a Daughter of
the Excellent

The Most High God.

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grandiose acts kindness and demonstrate praise and thanksgiving in return. When your husband does something as mundane as clearing the table or taking out the garbage, praise him before your children. You will model a new standard of normalcy and it is just a matter of time before the rest of your family follows suit! A culture of gratitude benefits everyone, it never hurts to hear 'thanks mom' in the midst of your day after all!

3. Lead with Joy and Laughter

In the same way frustration and grumbling go hand in hand, so do joy and thanksgiving. An overflow of joy brings thanksgiving, and an overflow of thanksgiving will fill our hearts with greater joy. Find opportunities to laugh together with your kids. Search for age appropriate jokes and share them when your child is feeling blue. Have a silly-themed dress up dinner once a week as a family. Start tickle wars and let them see you laugh. At least once a day put down whatever you're doing and join them in the sandbox, on the trampoline, beneath the covers of their bed. Fight the urge to be so serious all the time! As we age we can develop a tendency to diminish the glory of embracing joy and laughter. Nehemiah 8:10 says; "the joy of the Lord is your strength" and which one of us could not use a little more strength to get through the day?

No matter where your home is at, we can all agree that there is always room for more of God! A grateful home is synonymous with a godly home. As we model gratitude, praise and thanksgiving, we lead our children in the paths of righteousness. Be encouraged as you lead, your work is not in vain. Most often our greatest contributions to the world are not things at all. Perhaps God isn't asking you to just give something great to the world, perhaps God is asking you to offer someone great.

How To Manage Your Man



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Lately I have come across many lists of things men can do for women. Articles such as "15 Things All Men Should Know" or "The Top 10 Things A Man Should Do For You". Now, there is nothing wrong with this! And in some cases, a man may need to learn how to treat a lady.

But I rarely see anything that helps a woman learn how to treat her man. Being single, and hoping to one day soon bring that stage of my life to a close, I often seek to prepare myself for my future husband. While going through the book "Manage Your Man" by Dr. Hazel Hill, I found a section that was a great inspiration to me.

Ephesians 5:33 says "...and let the wife see that she respects and reverences her husband (that she notices him, regards him, honors him, prefers him, venerates, and esteems him; and that she defers to him, praises him, and loves and admires him exceedingly."

So what exactly does that mean?? Well let's break it down into a list of "The Top 10 Things You Should Do For Your Man"!

1. **RESPECT** your man – To respect your man is to give particular attention to him. Consider him and hold him in high regard. We should take a step back and look at our man through the eyes of Jesus.
2. **ESTEEM** your man – Means to appreciate or favor him. Treat him as someone of value and worth, admire him.
3. **NOTICE** your man – Pay attention to your man. Be polite and show interest in him and the things that interest him.
4. **HONOR** your man – Treat you man as a person of superior standing, someone whose worth brings respect or fame. The word honor implies profound respect mingled with love, devotion, or awe.
5. **DEFER TO** your man – Put him first. Step aside and wait, giving pre-eminence to your man. Ask and consider his opinion, before making a decision.

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DON'T BE A **WOMAN**
THAT NEEDS A **MAN**
BE A **WOMAN**
A **MAN** NEEDS!

Every day we are offered
new means for
learning and growing in

LOVE.

Lee Rutledge



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6. **REVERENCE** your man – Is to profoundly adore him with respect. To revere actually means to bow to. Put him in a place of honor and authority in your life.

7. **REGARD** your man – To regard is to feel respect and affection for your man and for his opinions.

8. **PREFER** your man – Be his biggest promoter! You should prefer to be with or around him, more than anyone else.

9. **PRAISE** your man – Bless him, celebrate him and exalt him. He is one in a million, so make him feel that way.

10. **EXCEEDINGLY LOVE & ADMIRE** your man – Love him to the extreme degree!

The world seems to offer a lot of advice on relationships, and yet it also seems to contain a lot of dysfunctional relationships. Ultimately we need to come back to what the Word says about relationships and follow the advice God gives on how to make a marriage or any relationship work. Now, I am no relationship expert, but God is, and by following His advice, I can only be bound for success.

**All points and much of the material contained in this article was taken from the book "Manage Your Man" by Dr. Hazel Hill*

Manage Your Man

by Dr. Hazel Hill

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A Word to First Ladies (Pastors Wives)

by Pastor Adriane White, Abounding Love Ministries, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA

This is my story. From the moment we gave our lives to the Lord, over 32 years ago, ministry has been a part of our lives! We have always served in ministry and we LOVE IT!! As a result I believe my husband, Albert, was quickly promoted to a position of leadership. During that time, I asked an older woman how to discover God's will for my life. I was advised to throw myself into my husband's vision and there I would discover my purpose.

As a result of that wisdom, I never "searched" for "MY MINISTRY". My goal has always been to assist my husband in his vision and as we continued in ministry I found the pastoral call becoming stronger and stronger on my life. Today, I am the Lead Pastor of Abounding Love Ministries, which my husband and I founded in April of 2011, and even though I am the lead pastor in our church, we still work together as a team. My husband has always had a heart to plant Churches and with myself as the Lead Pastor, it has freed my husband up to pursue his dream of planting even more churches.

We have always operated as a team and that will never change. Because we both have a 5-fold ministry call upon our lives; we were both able to fulfill our dreams. Because we both have strong ministry callings it can sometimes present challenges, but with God's help and the help of our mentors we are able to overcome them. Not every couple has a 5-fold ministry calling. Ladies, I encourage you to throw yourself into your husband's vision, serve it and I believe you too will discover your purpose is nestled right in it!

Ask the Doctor? by Dr. Hazel Hill

Q) Is it ok to check my daughters Facebook posts and chats, or is this snooping? My daughter is a teenager.

A) You can tell a lot about a person by their Facebook posts. The world sees them, so why shouldn't you? As parents, you are wise to care enough to want to know who your teens friends are and what they talk about. If more parents did this they could guide their child in the choices they make when it comes to friends. I say Snoop away!!!

Q) How old should a person be before they marry?

A) It depends on the maturity of the person. Some people mature earlier than others and can handle the changes that marriage and parenthood require. A persons brain has not fully developed until their mid-20's, so that is an indication that suggests, perhaps waiting until around that age may be wise.

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