

WIC: What's a Woman to Do?

You, O God, will never disappoint us if we put our trust in you. Lead our lives, guide our hearts, and let us prosper under your authority. Amen.

Lesson Two: June 12

Why Do We Need a Woman's Ministry?

Because God is a covenant-making, covenant-keeping God, His covenantal imprint was stamped upon His creation of man and woman. God is personal. God is relational. Thus man and woman, His image-bearers must be personal, relational beings.

"It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him **a helper** fit for him (what he lacked she supplied and vice versa)" (Gen 2:18)

When God presented her to the man, "the man said...she shall be called Woman"

(vs. 23) "Adam's naming...expressed his , but paradoxically he named her 'woman', implying that she was his equal"

Created equally-- designed for different functions

The Helper Design

When man and woman sinned, Woman lost her ability to be a true helper. Her rebellion caused her to become a life-taker. However, God gave HOPE (Gen. 3:15) Adam renamed his wife "Eve" which means "life-giver" (3:20). Woman's redemptive calling is to be a life-giver in every relationship and circumstance.

Hebrew word translated "helper" – ezer – is frequently used to refer to **God as our Helper**

HELPER/LIFE-GIVER

HINDERER/LIFE-TAKER

Exodus 18:4

Psalms 10:14

Psalms 20:2

Psalms 33:20

Psalms 70:5

Psalms 72:12-14

Psalms 86:17

When women fulfilled their God-given design as helpers, they contribute to the firmness and stability of the Church. It is not an inferior role.

NOTE: Men are also to be helpers. Mutual support and help among ALL believers is a basic scriptural principle (Galatians 6:2; Romans 15:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:14)