



# women devoted to God

Lesson 10

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## *Ministry Opportunities*

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*So then, while we have opportunity,  
let us do good to all people, and especially to those  
who are of the household of the faith.*

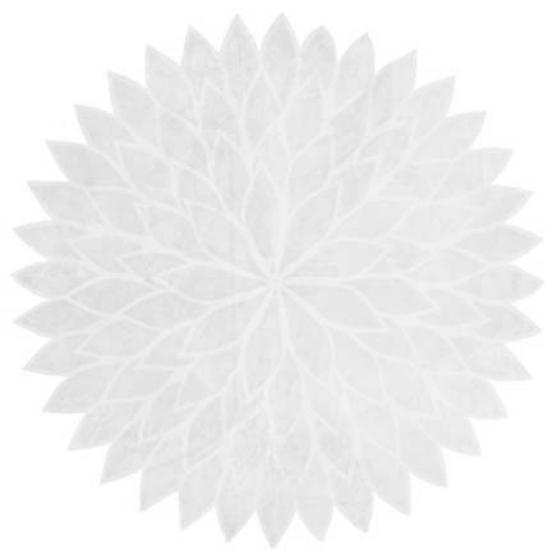
Galatians 6:10

### *Biblical Examples*

- *Esther*
- *Ruth*
- *The servant girl*
- *Dorcas*
- *Phoebe*

## *Preparation for ministry*

*Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. Romans 12:1*



# *Possibilities for ministry*

*I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go. Psalm 32:8a*

## **A. Church**

## **B. Families**

1. Immediate

2. Church

**C. Elderly**

**D. Children**

**E. Unsaved**

Don't be satisfied with anything less than what God's powerful grace is able to produce in you and through you.

~ Paul David Tripp

# *Practical considerations for ministry*

*Make me know your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths. Psalm 25:4*

## **A. Seasons of life**

## **B. Knowing when you've reached your limit**

## **C. When and how to say no**

## *Listening to Your Soul: A Balance Checklist*

### **Signs that you may need to be involved in more ministry:**

- Slight depression*—feel unhappy, a sense of being down
- Resentment of intrusion*—wish that people would go away rather than welcoming them into your life
- Frustration over direction of life*—feel a sense of purposelessness
- Increased self-indulgence*—always seeking to “treat” yourself
- Apathetic attitude*—low compassion level, that doesn’t really bother you
- Low energy level*—growing stagnant because you have many inlets, but no outlets

### **Signs that you may need to step out of some ministries:**

- Irritability and frustration*—find yourself “snapping” at people; especially short-tempered with those you perceive as lazy or uncooperative
- Uncomfortable with quiet*—nervous about silence; quick to turn on the radio or look for action
- Low joy threshold*—no undercurrent of joy and abundance running through your heart
- A sense of isolation*—feel all alone, as if no one is there for you and no one understands
- Increased drivenness*—haunted by a sense that you must do more and more; volunteering for more projects even though you know your plate is full
- Sense of dryness and emptiness*—many outlets and demands, but no inlets of source of strength

List adapted from Joanna Weaver’s *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*, pp. 182-183.

## *Rewards for ministry*

*For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints.*

Hebrews 6:10

The Lord is not impressed by how much we squeeze into our days. In the end, He won't reward us for how busy and pressured we were—for how many items we've checked off our list, whether paper or mental. He'll judge us for how much we loved Him . . . by how much we trusted Him . . . and by how much we obeyed Him, including His commands to trust, to rest, to be still, to look above and beyond the demands of the visible world.

~ Ruth Myers

### **For Further Reading**

Weaver, Joanna. *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*.  
Colorado Springs: WaterBrook Press, 2000