

"A Virtuous 21st Century Woman"

"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." (Romans 12:2a NKJV)

There are so many things this world considers to be unachievable heights and feats in this day and time. If one ascends to the highest levels of government, such as the first female Vice President of the United States, Kamala Harris, it's considered an unprecedented achievement. If you happen to be the first member of your family to purchase your own home, relocate to a different state for a new job, get married, obtain a high school, college, or even a doctorate degree, it's quite a lofty achievement. If one rises to stardom in Hollywood, or notoriety as a music mogul or sports personality from an obscure place, it's considered an outstanding achievement. And quite frankly, all of the aforementioned are indeed great achievements worthy of recognition.

However, should one aspire to be acknowledged as a "Virtuous 21st Century Woman" they have most assuredly sought a humble and honorable achievement. This one such aspiration not only distinctly sets them apart from many others in this temporal world but has far reaching eternal recognition as well. So just what does a "Virtuous 21st Century Woman" resemble? I applaud you for asking such an insightful question! A "Virtuous 21st Century Woman" first admits to herself and her God that she began life as a sinner. Please don't be stunned with this admission; it's liken to normal body functions like, breathing, being tired, hungry, sleepy, angry, etc. We all were birthed into this world in that same like manner! Just think about it, one of the first things done by those who have achieved great things was to understand and acknowledge their beginning state. Following this life changing admission, an awesome journey of discovery, both naturally and spiritually, begins.

A sincere "Virtuous 21st Century Woman" will submit to the transformation of the truth of God's Word as seen in Romans 12:1-2. She will be sensitive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit as He reveals to her how she is to present her body as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God. She quickly embraces what must be done to renew her mind. She trusts and understands that she may have to separate from friends and sometimes family who are detrimental to her walk with the Lord. She comes to realize that some of the places she used to frequent and things she used to do are no longer compatible with her lifestyle as a "Virtuous 21st Century Woman." She yields herself in compliance to the truth of the Word that reveals she must allow Jesus Christ not only to be her Savior but Lord in all areas of her life. For example, she will cheerfully tithe and graciously give offerings.



She may oftentimes sacrifice her personal desires and needs to meet the needs of others, trusting and believing God's Word for her wellbeing. Personal experience as a "Virtuous 21st Century Woman" has taught her the lifestyle she's chosen is a life long process and there's nothing "instant" about it. There will be "no perfect days" where she gets everything right but God's unconditional love, faithfulness, patience and assurance she has come to rely upon covers her like a priceless, beautiful garment and serves to anchor her in trials and triumphs.

She is so humbly thankful for salvation freely given her as a gift from her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She knows in the deepest depths of her heart this priceless gift is the source of her joy, peace and purpose. That's why desiring acknowledgement as a "Virtuous 21st Century Woman" has preeminence in her life. It is her sole aspiration to reveal the light of Jesus Christ within her daily ... in her actions, thoughts and deeds. Not for her glory but His! When opportunities present themselves to boldly share the good news of the gospel, she becomes excited seizing the chance to impart God's truth within her ... she may even do so without saying a word. She visualizes herself as a flowing river, not a reservoir; understanding the more she avails herself to be poured into, the more she can impart, especially to those who possess a genuine thirst to better understand the truth of God's Word. She rejoices with the results God is made known and exalted!

I would like to pose this question to you, as a 21st century woman, "What is it that YOU would like to achieve, be acknowledged or remembered for?" Will your choice be temporal or eternal? I've made my choice and that is to be a "Virtuous 21st Century Woman." I pray you choose wisely!

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