# The Dream Team

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#### Acts 6:1-6

Now at this time while the disciples were increasing *in number*, a complaint arose on the part of the Hellenistic *Jews* against the *native* Hebrews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily serving *of food*.

- <sup>2</sup> And the twelve summoned the congregation of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable for us to neglect the word of God in order to serve tables.
- <sup>3</sup> "But select from among you, brethren, seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task.
- <sup>4</sup> "But we will devote ourselves to prayer, and to the ministry of the word."
- <sup>5</sup> And the statement found approval with the whole congregation; and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch.
- <sup>6</sup> And these they brought before the apostles; and after praying, they laid their hands on them.

## 1 Timothy 5:3-16 Godly Feminine Qualities:

<sup>3</sup>Honor widows who are widows indeed;

<sup>4</sup>but

if any widow has children or grandchildren,

let them first learn

to practice piety in regard to their own family,

and to make some return to their parents;

for this is acceptable in the sight of God.

<sup>5</sup>Now she who is a widow indeed, and who has been left alone

- 1. has fixed her hope on God,
- 2. and continues in entreaties and prayers night and day.

<sup>6</sup>But she who gives herself to wanton pleasure is dead even while she lives.

<sup>7</sup>Prescribe these things as well,

3. so that they may be above reproach.

8But

if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household,

he has denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever.

<sup>9</sup>Let a widow be put on the list only if

she is not less than sixty years old,

- 4. having been the wife of one man,
- 5. 10 having a reputation for good works;
- 6. and if she has brought up children,
- 7. if she has shown hospitality to strangers,
- $\mathcal{G}$ , if she has washed the saints' feet,

### 9. if she has assisted those in distress,

## 10. and if she has devoted herself to every good work.

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    11But refuse to put younger widows on the list, for
        when they feel sensual desires in disregard of Christ, they want to get married,
        <sup>12</sup>thus incurring condemnation,
        because they have set aside their previous pledge.

    13And at the same time they also learn to be idle,
        as they go around from house to house;
        and not merely idle, but also gossips and busybodies,
        talking about things not proper to mention.

    14Therefore, I want younger widows to
        <u>get married</u>,
        <u>bear children</u>,
        <u>keep house</u>,
        and give the enemy no occasion for reproach;
        <sup>15</sup>for some have already turned aside to follow Satan.
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<sup>16</sup>If any woman who is a believer has *dependent* widows, let her assist them, and let not the church be burdened, so that it may assist those who are widows indeed.

## Titus 2:3-6 Godly Feminine Mentoring:

3Older women likewise are to be

reverent in their behavior,
not malicious gossips,
nor enslaved to much wine,
teaching what is good,

4that they may encourage the young women to
love their husbands,
to love their children,

5to be sensible,
pure,
workers at home,
kind,
being subject to their own husbands,
that the word of God may not be dishonored.

## Romans 16:1-15 Godly Feminine Examples:

I commend to you our sister **Phoebe**,
who is <u>a servant of the church</u> which is at Cenchrea;

2that you receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints,
and that you help her in whatever matter she may have need of you;
for she herself has also been <u>a helper of many</u>, and of myself as well.

3Greet **Prisca** and Aquila,

my fellow workers in Christ Jesus,

<sup>4</sup>who for my life risked their own necks,

to whom not only do I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles;

<sup>5</sup>also *greet* the church that is in their house.

Greet Epaenetus, my beloved, who is the first convert to Christ from Asia.

<sup>6</sup>Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you.

<sup>7</sup>Greet Andronicus and **Junias**.

my kinsmen,

and my fellow prisoners,

who are outstanding among the apostles,

who also were in Christ before me.

<sup>8</sup>Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord.

<sup>9</sup>Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ,

and Stachys my beloved.

<sup>10</sup>Greet Apelles, the approved in Christ.

Greet those who are of the household of Aristobulus.

<sup>11</sup>Greet Herodion, my kinsman.

Greet those of the household of Narcissus, who are in the Lord.

<sup>12</sup>Greet **Tryphaena** and **Tryphosa**,

workers in the Lord.

Greet **Persis** the beloved.

who has worked hard in the Lord.

<sup>13</sup>Greet Rufus, a choice man in the Lord,

also his mother and mine.

<sup>14</sup>Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas

and the brethren with them.

<sup>15</sup>Greet Philologus and **Julia**,

Nereus and his sister,

and Olympas,

and all the saints who are with them.

#### Colossians 4:15

Greet the brethren who are in Laodicea and also **Nympha** and the church that is in her house.

#### Philemon 1:1-2

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

to Philemon our beloved brother and fellow worker,

<sup>2</sup>and to **Apphia** our sister,

and to Archippus our fellow soldier,

and to the church in your house:

## Philippians 4:2-3

I urge **Euodia** and I urge **Syntyche** to live in harmony in the Lord.

<sup>3</sup>Indeed, true comrade, I ask you also to help these women who have <u>shared my struggle in the cause of the gospel</u>

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