

The Gift of Mother

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INTRO:

I. → Romans 16:1-13

*I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a **minister** of the assembly in Cenchreae. I ask you to **receive** her in the Lord in a way worthy of his people and **assist** her in any practical needs she has, for she has been a **leader** of many people, including me.*

→ 3 *Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my **co-workers** in Christ Jesus. They risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them. Greet also the church that meets at **their** house.*

→ 7 *Greet Andronicus and Junia, my fellow Jews who have been in prison with me. They are outstanding **among the apostles**, and they were in Christ before I was.*

→ 12 *Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, those women who work hard in the Lord. Greet my dear friend Persis, another woman who has worked very hard in the Lord. Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his **mother**, who has been a **mother** to me, too.*

BODY:

I. A Leading Mother

*I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a **deacon** of the church in Cenchreae. I ask you to **receive** her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints and **assist** her in any pragmatic needs she has, for she has been a **leader** for many people, including me.*

- a) *diákonos*—deacon, minister, servant
- b) *prosdéchomai*—receive, accept, give access
- c) *parístemi*—stand beside, assist, aid
- d) *prostátis*—female leader, ruler, manager, presider

- A. God called women to lead and prophesy from times of old.
- 1) **Judges 4:4**
*Now Deborah, a **prophet**, the wife of Lappidoth, was **leading** Israel at that time.*
 - 2) **Judges 5:7**
*"Villagers in Israel would not fight; they held back until I, Deborah, arose, until I arose, a **mother** in Israel."*
 - 3) **WOMEN WERE PROMINENT UNTIL CONSTANTINE**
- B. A mother needs all her gifts if she is to reach her goal.
- 1) **Romans 12:6-8**
We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If it is prophesying, do it in proportion to faith. If it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is encouraging, then encourage; if it is giving, then do it generously; if it is leading, then do it diligently; if it is showing mercy, then do it cheerfully.
 - 2) **MOLLY TRAVELLING AROUND OREGON**

II. A Prophesying Mother

3 Greet **Priscilla** and Aquila, my co-workers in Christ Jesus. They risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them.

- A. We need the voices of both men and woman in the church.
- 1) **1 Timothy 2:11-12**
A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet.
 - a) *hesuchía*—seated, calm, peaceable
 - b) *hupotagé*—subjection as a student
 - c) *authentéo*—usurp authority, self work (*autós*)
 - 2) **1 Timothy 2:11-12**
A woman in calmness let learn; in all submission teaching. But I do not allow a woman to take control from a man, but to be in calmness.

3) **1 Corinthians 11:4-6**

*Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head. But every woman who **prays** or **prophesies** with her head uncovered dishonors her head—it is the same as having her head shaved.*

4) **LICOLN CITY GIRLS WANTING TO LEARN ABOUT JESUS**

B. It is God's will to pour out His Spirit on all His children.

1) **Joel 2:28-29**

*"And afterward,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your **sons** and **daughters** will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams,
your young men will see visions.
Even on my servants, both **men** and **women**,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days."*

2) **MOM TELLING ME NOT TO TAKE THE DOG**

III. An Honored Mother

*13 Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his **mother**, who has been a **mother** to me, too.*

A. We need to honor those who have been a mother to us.

1) **1 Peter 3:7**

*Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as **heirs** with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.*

2) **KIDS INTERVIEWS**

B. It is all our jobs to give honor where honor is due.

1) **Proverbs 31:28-29**

*Her children arise and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:
"Many women do noble things,
but you surpass them all."*

2) **PRAYER FOR MOTHERS**

OTHER SCRIPTURES:

Galatians 3:26-29

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.