



# Women Of The Word

## Welcome

Do you ever get tired of the “everyday”? The same old, same old? Work, cook, clean, sleep. Repeat. Everyday. Maybe throw in a kid’s ball game. Or your husband’s business dinner. But life can seem downright boring sometimes. That’s what the enemy wants us to think. Our reality, as God’s daughters, is so much more!! While the Bible tells us to aspire to live quiet lives and work diligently, we’re also reminded that through Jesus, our lives can be abundantly full! Full of peace, joy, goodness, and so much more. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and delight in Him—and He will give us the desire of our hearts. That is anything but boring!!

Blessings,  
Melanie Woltje  
Women’s Ministry Team Leader

## Mission Statement

FBC Women's Ministry exists to empower our ladies to use their God-given gifts in accordance with God's will.

## Lessons From The Proverbs 31 Woman

As we continue our study through the poem of the virtuous woman found in Proverbs 31, I want us to lay our focus next upon verse 30: *Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.*

There are two key points I would like to examine from this verse. First, the verse states that *beauty does not last*. The NIV says that beauty is *fleeting*, while the NKJV says that beauty is *passing*. I believe this is a very important topic to discuss for women as we often place such a high emphasis on our external qualities. Society and social media scream at us to cling to our youthful external features, while Scripture clearly teaches us that the natural course of the human body is to age and grow old. In fact, Proverbs 16:37 states that “*gray hair is the crown of glory.*” Growing old is a gift from God. May we embrace that gift and not put too much emphasis on maintaining a youthful appearance. I will share some passages regarding what Scripture teaches on our appearance and challenge us individually to self-examine our own lives in this area. We will see that Scripture clearly teaches that godly character is of much more importance than external or physical beauty.

1 Peter 3:3-4 - *Don't be concerned about the outward beauty of fancy hairstyles, expensive jewelry, or beautiful clothes. You should clothe yourselves instead with the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God.*

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1 Timothy 2:9-10 - *I want women to be modest in their appearance. They should wear decent and appropriate clothing and not draw attention to themselves by the way they fix their hair or by wearing gold or pearls or expensive clothes. For women who claim to be devoted to God should make themselves attractive by the good things they do.*

1 Timothy 4:8 - *Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come.*

Do you cling to your youth and beauty? Is it too much of a prized possession in your life?

Do you spend more time cultivating godly character or your physical attributes?

Secondly, this woman *fears the LORD*. There is often a lot of confusion around the usage of the word *fear* here. This is not a fear as in being scared or frightened of God, but rather a fear out of a deep love for God and not wanting to disappoint Him. Because she fears the Lord, the godly woman chooses to do what is right and honorable in all areas of her life. She is intimate with God. She knows His Word and His ways and desires obedience to them. Above all her responsibilities, first and foremost, she desires to please God. She has a sense of awe and majesty of God, holding to a high and healthy reverence and respect for God. A godly woman knows that outer beauty will fade with time, but she also realizes that true beauty lies within. A woman of God understands that her primary responsibility in life is to honor God and, in a world full of distractions, she has resolved to follow God wholeheartedly. Let me encourage each of us to aim for that, all for the glory of our King!

In Christ's Love,  
Vanessa



## Bible Studies

Sundays @ 5:00 pm - Church - New Testament Journey Study - This study is open to men and women to discuss our [New Testament Reading Plan](#).

Wednesdays @ 9:30 am - Joan Little's Home - Topic Varies

Tuesdays @ 6:00 pm - Church - John Chapters 13-17 - Beginning June 6.



## Upcoming Events

Jhett's Lunch - Tuesday, May 9 @ 11:30  
We meet the second Tuesday every month.

Summer Event "All For His Glory" - Saturday, June 10 -  
Be watching Facebook, website, etc for more details.



## Follow Us

Did you know we have a Women's Ministry Facebook Group? If you are not currently part of the group, we would love for you to be in the group. Look for us as Holton First Baptist Women's Ministry or click <https://www.facebook.com/groups/244260275623062>

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## Woman Of The Bible

Leah: Genesis 29-35

Both Rachel and her sister Leah had been thrust into a life that was not what they had planned. Leah was the older sister. In this culture, it was customary that she would marry first. But she was not the stunning beauty that her sister was, which certainly she was aware of. Jacob had worked seven years for her sister; but on the eve of the wedding Leah's father hatched a plan that Leah would marry Jacob in disguise. When the wedding was over and morning came, Jacob realized he had been tricked and Leah was now married to a man who never wanted her.

But the Lord saw her. He did not see her as the unwanted bride or rejected one but as His own beloved child. And despite the rejection that she lived with from her husband, we see that she praised the Lord with her life (Gen. 29:35). The Lord would bless her with many children, and she knew that even though she was rejected by her husband, her children were a gift from the Lord.

Though her life may have been filled with longing for a husband who would love her, God gave Leah a purpose far greater than she could have ever dreamed. Certainly there have been times that we have all felt like Leah - times when we compared our life to someone else, times when we felt rejected, and times we felt that we never measured up. But God has a purpose for each of us. He has uniquely created us to fulfill the role that He has made for us, and He sees us right where we are. We can praise Him because even if life is not exactly the way that we had planned, His plan is perfect.



## Book Recommendations

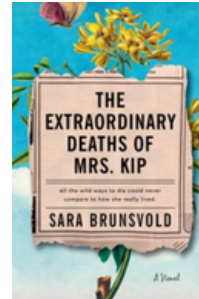
### Non-Fiction



*Not A Fan* - Kyle Idleman

Are you a follower of Jesus? Before you answer, read this updated edition of Idleman's bestseller! Featuring a new introduction and an additional chapter, it calls you to be a passionate disciple--- not just a fan who admires Jesus from afar. Discover how to love, pray, and give your all for your Lord and Savior!

### Fiction



*The Extraordinary Deaths of Mrs. Kip* - Sara Brunsvold

Aidyn Kelley is talented, ambitious, and ready for far more serious assignments than the "fluff pieces" she's been getting as a cub reporter for the Kansas City Star. When she's asked to write the obituary of an "unremarkable" septuagenarian who's just entered hospice care, she balks. But spirited Clara Kip may teach her a thing or two!

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## Online Resources

### *Women Living Well*

It is all about being in God's word daily and keeping each other accountable! There are a number of great resources available.

<https://womenlivingwell.org/>

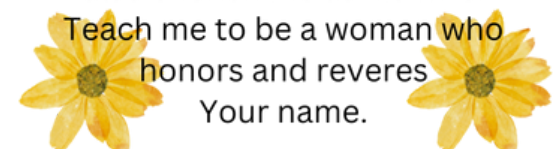
### *Life.Church Sisters*

Our goal is to help lead women to become fully devoted followers of Christ by living out His Great Commission: to go in the world and make disciples.

<https://www.life.church/sisters/>



Teach me to be a woman of virtue and noble character, which is worth more than rubies. May my husband have full confidence in me, and lack nothing of value. Help me to bring him good, not harm, all the days of my life. Give me strength to provide for the needs of my family. Teach me to open my arms to the poor and extend my hand to the needy. During times of change, I will have no fear for my household, for all of them are clothed in warmth and love. May my husband be honored and respected in the community, and give him wisdom in his work and favor as a man of God. I am clothed with strength and dignity and can laugh at the days to come. Teach me to speak with wisdom, and may faithful instruction be on my tongue. Help me to diligently watch over the affairs of my household, and to not eat the bread of idleness. May my children arise and call me blessed--and may my husband also cherish me as his wife.



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