

Learning Lessons from Sisters in Christ (從姊妹中學習屬靈的功課)

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The 17th century man John Bunyan in his book *Pilgrim's Progress* wrote of women of the Bible in a refreshing way:

I read not that man ever gave unto Christ so much as one groat; but the women followed him and ministered to him of their substance, Luke 8:2-3. 'Twas a woman that washed his feet with tears, Luke 7:37-50; and a woman that anointed his body to the burial, John 11:2; 12:3. They were women who wept when he was going to cross, Luke 23:27; and women that followed him from the cross, Matt. 27:55, 56; Luke 23:55; and that sat over against his sepulcher when he was buried, Matt. 27:61. They were women that were first with him at his resurrection-morn, Luke 24:1; and women that brought tidings first to his disciples that he was risen from the dead, Luke 24:22, 23. Women therefore are highly favored, and show by these things that they are sharers with us in the grace of life.

We can learn spiritual lessons from women of the Kingdom:

- The lesson of generous offering---“These woman were helping to support them (Jesus-disciples mission team) out of their means. (Luke 8:2-3)
- The lesson of true worship---Inviting Jesus to your home. (John 12: 1-11)
 - You cannot worship without emotion
 - You cannot worship without reverence
 - You cannot worship without sacrifice
 - You cannot worship without purity of heart
- The lesson of genuine repentance---Luke 7:37-50
 - “Her many sins have been forgiven---for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little.”
 - The more we understand our lostness and hopelessness, the more we can love Jesus with a thankful heart and with a contrite spirit which leads to our repentance.
 - Sin and evil are real as contrasted to the New Age teaching.
- The lesson from a spiritual mother---Susanna Wesley, mother of John and Charles Wesley of the eighteenth century.
 - John Wesley said, “I learned more about Christianity from my mother than from all the theologians in England.
- Can you learn any values from your own mother that you want to pass on to your children?