

1. Who has had a positive impact on your life?
2. When was the last time you told someone about the positive impact they have had on you?

Romans 16:1-14 - I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church in Cenchreae. ² I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of his people and to give her any help she may need from you, for she has been the benefactor of many people, including me. ³ Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my co-workers in Christ Jesus. ⁴ They risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them. ⁵ Greet also the church that meets at their house. Greet my dear friend Epenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in the province of Asia. ⁶ Greet Mary, who worked very hard for you. 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. ⁸ Greet Ampliatius, my dear friend in the Lord. ⁹ Greet Urbanus, our co-worker in Christ, and my dear friend Stachys. ¹⁰ Greet Apelles, whose fidelity to Christ has stood the test. Greet those who belong to the household of Aristobulus. ¹¹ Greet Herodion, my fellow Jew. Greet those in the household of Narcissus who are in the Lord. 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. ¹³ Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother, who has been a mother to me, too. ¹⁴ Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas and the other brothers and sisters with them. ¹⁵ Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas and all the Lord's people who are with them.

3. Paul commends all of these people for their devotion to Christ and the church. What do you think that Jesus would say about you and your devotion to Him and His church?
4. Are you surprised by how many women are named as leaders in the church (deacon v1, apostle v7)?
5. How have you been gifted When do you question if God is with you in life?

Genesis 2:18 - The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

Genesis 1:27 - So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

6. Do you think it surprised God that it was not good for man to be alone?
7. Why do you think that God waited to create woman?
8. The word helper means 'one who saves' and 'like opposite', the same word is used for God helping us in the Old Testament. The Greek for helper in the New Testament is used to describe the Holy Spirit. How does this help us understand God's view of men and women?

Genesis 3:16 - Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."

7. How did the fall change how men and women interact in the world?
8. How does the desire to rule over others impact the world?

1 Timothy 2:12 - I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet.

9. Why do you think that the apostle Paul made this statement to Timothy?

Galatians 3:26-28 - So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

10. How do these verses in Galatians speak to how God views men and women?
11. How can you live in such a way that Jesus says, "Well Done" to you?