

Young Wife Young Mother's E-magazine

IN WHOSE COMPANY ARE YOU?

One of our womanly instincts is that of making friends quickly, in us is the desire for friendship and the ability to relate and connect quickly.

Why do wives make friends? Some of the answers are:

1. Loneliness even though married.
2. To keep up one's status quo.
3. To keep up old acquaintances, or for the benefits of making friends.

Whatever our reasons for friendship are, we must be careful we are making the right choice of friendships.

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Some of the things to consider when choosing friendships as married women are:

- Is this person a believer?
- Do we have the same views of marriage?
- Do we have same views of God and the Christian faith?
- What will God and my husband say about my relationship with this person?

These and many more are questions to consider in the choice of company as a married woman.

And finally, it is worth **evaluating your relationships** to make sure they fit into your life goal and life pursuit. May you be discerning in your choice of friendship.

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The Pregnant woman

Pregnancy is one of the blessedness that married women look forward to. Pregnancy is a season of life when a woman carries another life in her womb, it is unique opportunity of experiencing one of those mysteries of God; carrying another life.

It can be quite challenging for some women with morning sickness, weaknesses and cravings, yet, as a Christian woman submits herself to the lordship of Christ, who is the giver of life, you will find out that your pregnancy season will be enjoyable despite the challenges that may come with it.

One of my traditions while pregnant over a decade now was the joy of looking at "Pregnant women of the Bible" in my devotion time. I took the time to study these women one by one, and in this edition of our e-mag, I shall bring to you one of these women.

Mrs. Eve Adam

Mrs. Eve Adam was the first pregnant woman ever, ever before her conception, God gave her a mandate to be fruitful, multiply, replenish, subdue and have dominion. Unfortunately for Eve, she had to start child bearing after her fall in the Garden, so she went out of the Garden of God which was supposed to be her natural habitat, and went into the accursed earth, and thereafter we met her in Gen 4:1 which reads *And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD. So, Eve conceived and gave birth to a son, and in her heart she concluded she has got a man from the LORD.*

Did Eve fully understand what she proclaimed? And I think this is where I want to focus on. Every opportunity to get pregnant and have a child whether boy or girl is an opportunity to get from the Lord a life, a potential seed that will further the course of Christ in bruising the serpent's head in our society.

The psalmist says in Chapter 127 that children are God's heritage, and as such you must be asking the Lord while you are pregnant what His plans are for the child in your womb, for it takes a manufacturer to know the details of his products.

Unfortunately for Mrs. Eve Adam, her first child, Cain, grew up to be a murderer, and in Eve's home was the first ever sibling rivalry and the first homicide.

Your turn

While you are pregnant now, it is my counsel for you to:

- Engage God more in prayer for your unborn child and your new role as a mother.
- Journal some of the things God will be sharing with you.
- If you have had a child prior to this pregnancy, prepare him or her for the coming of his or her sibling.

It is necessary that you see your newborn as a man or woman from the Lord, and therefore, make ready for that child God's manual for life (Bible). While you get baby stuff, remember to get your unborn child a Bible also.

And while you feed on healthy meals in your pregnancy, feed also on spiritual meals for yourself and for your unborn child.

Final note

Eat well, sleep well, drink water and look after yourself in this season of pregnancy.

Cultivating your husband's company

We cannot over emphasize the need to cultivate an intimate relationship with your husband. In order for this to happen, you have to be deliberate. Also, effective keeping of company with your husband must begin from you keeping company with God. How can you do this? You do this through a personal relationship with Christ. Many professing Christian struggle in their matrimony because they ignore that vertical relationship with God.

They often forget the scripture in Ecclesiastes 4:12b that says, "*and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.*" The three-fold cord is you, God and your husband. You want to maintain a continuous fellowship with the Lord wherein will flow a genuine fellowship with your husband.

Relationship with your husband has to be cultivated, you cannot ignore him and expect both of you to have an understanding relationship. How do you do this? Again, my answer is in Eccl 4:8-11. I summarize it below.

1. Earthly labour is vanity: Do not let your daily work take the place of deliberate relating with your husband. Simple text messages to each other though away from each other might keep the conversation going.

2. Take time off and spend time with your husband: go out for dinner or plan a retreat for the two of you, create Bible study or prayer time with you and your husband no matter how little.

3. Be an uplifter to your husband, do not be a crusher of his spirit. Sit down to evaluate and discuss issues that bother both of you.

4. Rub minds together with your husband and make no decision without his notice and input.

5. Both of you should also make effort to keep company with your children, for they are God's trust into your hands and into your home. We shall look at this particular subject in our next edition.

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