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THE 3 WISE WOMEN

Often we have seen the three wise men portrayed in nativity scenes, pictures, plays and a part of our Christmas décor. Several years ago, I purchased a book entitled "The 3 Wise Women" by Christin Ditchfield. She arrested my attention as she reflected and connected the three women in Luke chapters 1 & 2. The author describes the heart of these three women--Mary having a willing heart, Elizabeth having a hearing heart and Anna having a faithful heart. Three different women. One is engaged, one married and one widowed. One is commencing into adulthood, one is possibly post-menopausal and the other, in the words of my mother "has more days behind her than in front of her." But, all were wise. Proverbs 9:10 tells us "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom". Journey with me as we look at life lessons to be learned from each woman as they wisely handled their challenges with faith and courage.

Mary receives a visit from the angel Gabriel giving her a divine commission that will change her life. "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. Mary was willing to accept this commission. St. Augustine says "Mary first conceived Christ in her heart, before she conceived him in her womb." Dr. Robert Smith, Jr., Preaching Professor at Beeson Divinity School, proclaims that God wants to impregnate each of us at our virginal points. Pregnancy implies that something inside has the potential to grow. God wants to move us from "How can this be?" to "Lord, may it be." Are you willing?

Elizabeth is known for her hearing heart. Mary traveled over 100 miles to visit another pregnant woman, her cousin Elizabeth. Gabriel had told Mary that God had performed a miracle with her and Zacharias because they were beyond childbearing years. Before Elizabeth could offer Mary hospitality, the baby (John the Baptist) leaped in her womb. Mary stayed with Elizabeth for 3 months. Elizabeth had opportunities to minister to Mary, to speak into her life and to share testimonies with her. It was a joyful time as two expectant mothers spent time together. Did they talk about morning sickness, the tenderness of the breasts? Elizabeth was an ocular demonstration of a Titus 2 woman. She heard Mary;

she blessed the Lord for Mary and she blessed the Lord for allowing the mother of her Lord to visit her. Are you hearing, listening and sharing with younger women in the faith?

Anna is known for her faithful heart. She was 84 years old. Her husband had died 60 years earlier. She didn't have any children, yet, she devoted her life to full time ministry as she prayed and fasted. During that time, women were not taught to read, nor write nor study the scriptures. They could only go to the Court of Women. They could listen, but they had no voice. God gave her the privilege of living to see what men of old had died waiting for: the coming of the Messiah. One day, the Holy Spirit revealed to an aged, devout man, Simeon, that he would not die until he had seen the Lord Jesus Christ. Mary and Joseph brought the Young Jesus into the temple. Simeon exuberantly took Jesus up in his arms and blessed God. Then he said words of blessings to the parents. When Anna witnessed what had happened she gave thanks to the Lord and spoke of Him to all. Anna's place in scripture is a little more than three verses. But, it describes a life of meaning and significance. She could have become bitter but she chose to be become better as she became a missionary telling of the good news of Jesus.

Whatever your limitations, liabilities and losses, God never takes all! Just as the prophet Elijah told the widow after performing a miracle for her, "Live on What's Left!" You can have a makeover with your leftovers. Wise men & women go home another way after seeing Jesus. What difference will Christmas, the birth of the Christ child, make in your life? Respond to Him like Mary, Elizabeth and Anna. Seek Godly wisdom and you'll be guided in knowing what to say and do. There are three wise women in Luke 1 & 2. In 2014, are you a **wise woman**? "If any of you lack wisdom, ask God, who gives to all liberally and it will be given to you". (James 1:5) May God shower His blessings upon you as you continue as a **WISE WOMAN**.

Merry Christmas

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Sheila B. Ministries, Inc. hosted its first annual "The Heart of a Donor Luncheon" on Friday Oct 24th, 2014. This event honored faithful supporters who have partnered with the ministry for many years. Dr. Dan Jones, Chairman of the Board, Sheila B. Ministries, greeted the crowd with a warm welcome, followed by a compelling and inspirational message by President and CEO, Dr. Sheila Bailey. The crowd was moved by testimonies from ministry supporters, the video presentation on outreach initiatives, Speak Young Sister™ and Project REBUILD™, and the introduction of the first ministry intern, a student at Dallas Theological Seminary.

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