

Phebe, Romans 16:1, 2

1. Just as believers are designed by regeneration to respond to God, so women by creation, to respond to men.
2. A responding woman is the greatest of all creatures, while the reacting woman is the worst of all creatures.
3. In this way the female is under the authority of the man, but is in a far greater role than the man. This means that the function of the woman demands a greater amount of courage than the man. More is demanded of the woman than the man in the man's world.
4. A man's world is a wasteland without woman.
5. Planet earth will be God's world at the 2nd Advent, the Millennium.
6. The earth is the Devil's world but, because God has graciously given the woman to man, it becomes a wonderful world when the woman fulfills her role. After salvation, there is no greater preparation for the fulfillment of that role than the saturation of spiritual fuel.
7. This requires spiritual maturity such as possessed by Phebe. She was a mature believer.
8. Again, women are the best or worst of creatures depending on what they have in their souls. No matter how beautiful the tabernacles, without spiritual fuel (Bible doctrine) in their souls, they are disasters.
9. We must remember that all women have OSN's, and that pride in a woman is much more subtle and more complex than of the man. (Probably if women were not subtle men would be despondent.)
10. Women are not only subtle but clever.
11. God made the woman with the potential of being uniquely magnificent. (She is to be the glory of man.)
12. This great potential becomes a reality through regeneration and advancement in the plan of God.
13. Phebe was such a magnificent woman that she was able to do something for Paul no one else could do – she provided comfort, encouragement, inspiration of soul and encouraged Paul's nobility and honor.
14. Phebe represents everything great in Christian womanhood.