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womanhood

Womanhood. What does this even mean? Cooking? Cleaning? Wearing high heels? Owning an apron? Honoring and serving your husband? But what if you don't have a husband? What about when you are living in a dorm, taking classes, making new friends and adjusting to life away from home?

Read/Review/Discuss...

- Glad she's a woman and rejoices in her femininity, expressing it through her attitude appearance and behavior. (1 Tim 2:9-10)
- Does not compete for equality with men or reject God's design for male and female, but delights in and understands the importance of her calling to complement man's role. (1 Tim 2:11-12, Ephesians 5:22-24)
- Values the cultivation of her mind and diligently seeks after wisdom and knowledge. (Proverbs 22:17-21)
- Realizes her imperative need to allow the Holy Spirit to control her emotions and expressions of them. (James 1:19-20)
- Doesn't wallow in self-pity or make a habit of voicing complaints, but radiates cheerfulness and joy. (Proverbs 15:15, 17:22)
- Trustworthy and gains the respect of those around her. (Proverbs 31:11)
- Restrains herself from listening to, or participating in gossip, but instead speaks with wisdom and discretion. (Proverbs 11:12-13, 22, 20:19, 3:11)
- Encourages and builds up those around her instead of criticizing and tearing them down. (1 Thess 5:11, Ephesians 4:29)
- Does not have a nagging, contentious or manipulative manner in which she deals with others (Judges 16:16, Proverbs 21:9, 19)
- Is not boisterous or loud in her speech or actions but is characterized by a gentle and quiet spirit. (Proverbs 9:13, 1 Peter 3:4)
- Portrays modesty and respect in her style. Knowing that her true beauty comes from within. (1 Peter 3:3-4)
- Is not offended by chivalry shown by men, but welcomes the differences between man and woman that make her worthy of this service. (1 Peter 3:7, Mark 10:6) Seeks to make God her number one desire, knowing that only He can fully satisfy. (Ps 63:1)
- Uses her years of singleness to seek and serve God without distraction and is content to leave the details of her future to Him. (Ps 73:25-26)
- Does not seek the attention of man through extreme flirting and boldness. (1 Thess 4:3-8, Proverbs 6:24-25)
- Holds her virginity before marriage sacred and will not compromise it for anything. (Ephesians 5:3)

Discuss...

Avoiding Drama:

- Girls seem to breed drama. Are you prone to drama? Some girls seem to believe that this will be cured once they graduate from high school, but how will you avoid drama while living in a dorm, joining a sorority or simply making new friends?
- Gossip, drama, blowing things out of proportion how will you flee from these sins now and in college? Verbally? Facebook? Twitter? (If you looked at your twitter feed, what would it say about you? Is it encouraging or full of slander?)

Sharing your faith:

- How do you stand up for your faith in college without disrupting the role of a “gentle and quiet” spirit?
- How will you adequately represent/glorify the Lord in your daily life in college?

Classroom Integrity

Where do you draw the line in cheating? Is sharing answers ok? Having friends sign you into class wrong? Think about how this will affect your witness to others.

Social Life

- Do you tend to gravitate towards having close “guy” friends? Why? After reading through the list above, do you think that having more guy friends than close girl friends is healthy?
- Parties. They will happen in college. Will you go? What will be your boundaries if you go? Other people’s perception is their reality.
- Do you live your life above reproach? In your relationships? Friendships? Academics? Dress? Social life?