

# Sisters for Yah

## Eve's Commission

(By Sister Deborah Reed)

Yahweh Elohim said, *"It is not good the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him,"* Genesis 2:18.

According to Scripture, women were created to be helpers to their husbands—not overseers and not slaves, but partners in the business of living. Adam and Eve were meant to be a team, with Adam as leader, to work together for their mutual benefit. Yahweh well understood that two heads are better than one.

The role of men, who are physically stronger, had traditionally been that of protector and provider. The role of women, who bear children, has traditionally been that of nurturer and caretaker of the home. However, in our present technological age, the need for physical strength in providing the family with food, shelter, and clothing has given way to intellectual strength in meeting these same needs. Women are quite capable of performing tasks requiring intellectual and decision making acuity.

After WWII, when women, too, over the necessary jobs left by thousands of men who went to war, the tasks of managing a home and raising children began to be considered as inconsequential and uninteresting. The feminist movement of the 1970's further convinced many women that

intellectual and emotional fulfilment was only possible by having careers outside of the home. In fact, women who made the decision to stay in the traditional role were seen as stupid or lazy. Society dictated that women must work outside the home. And so, millions of women entered the workforce relegating children to become "Latch Key Kids."

The necessary work of managing the home and raising children gave rise to daycare or relying on relatives for babysitting and performing housekeeping chores.

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Brothers and sisters,  
stand firm  
and  
hold fast  
to the teachings.

2 Thessalonians 2:15, NIV



Childless couples usually find it easier to manage household chores together than do those having children. And, there are many situations where the wife and mother must earn a wage — divorce, job loss, illness, death, etc.

But, while the two-income situation has worked well for some families, there have definitely been negative repercussions in our society as a whole. The divorce rate has sky rocketed. So, too, have childhood obesity, diabetes, and depression. The national debt is crushing, as consumers spend more than they earn. And, the increase in values based on moral relativity together with a decline in spiritual beliefs is indisputable. The family unit seems to be falling apart. Could it be because no one is home to make harmony out of chaos — to nurture, to teach, to discipline, or to just enjoy time spent together?

So, for you wives and mothers who have chosen to remain working at home, do not let society label you as worthless “domestic goddesses.” There’s a saying that “the hand that rocks the cradle, rocks the world.” Instead, recognize that you are “domestic engineers” — multi-skilled, household CEO’s.



secretary/bookkeeper/administrative assistant.

- If you care for sick family members, you are a nurse.
- If you drive family member to and from meetings and events, you are a chauffeur.
- If you plant and tend a garden, you are a horticulturist.
- If you harvest and preserve your garden produce, you are a farmer, factory-worker, and grocer.
- If you sew clothing or other household items, you are a tailor/seamstress.
- If you care for babies and toddlers, you are a daycare worker and pre-school teacher.
- If you help children learn skills, develop values, and make good decisions based upon the laws of Yahweh, you are a teacher and a counselor.
- If you homeschool your children in addition to everything else, you are totally awesome!

Men run the world, but women enable it to keep running — a well-rounded, formidable team.

- If you plan menus and prepare healthy, balanced meals, you are a nutritionist and a chef.
- If you construct and implement a budget and purchase the family food, clothing, and other necessities, you are a procurement officer.
- If you dust, vacuum, and clean toilets, you are a housecleaning service.
- If you pay bills, prepare schedules, make appointments, and handle the family business, you are a



## OUR WORK IS NEVER DONE

Does it seem as though your work is never done? Do you ever drift into the thinking that life would be so much better without work? Does the fictional idea of utopia presented in some movies — a society with highly desirable qualities for its citizens — appeal to you? Some people have the mistake idea that work is one of the results of Adam’s sin, but nothing could be farther from the truth. When Yahweh created man, He also prepared what was intended to be a permanent dwelling place for him in the Garden of Eden, where man was to “dress and keep it” — work and guard it. See Genesis 2:15.

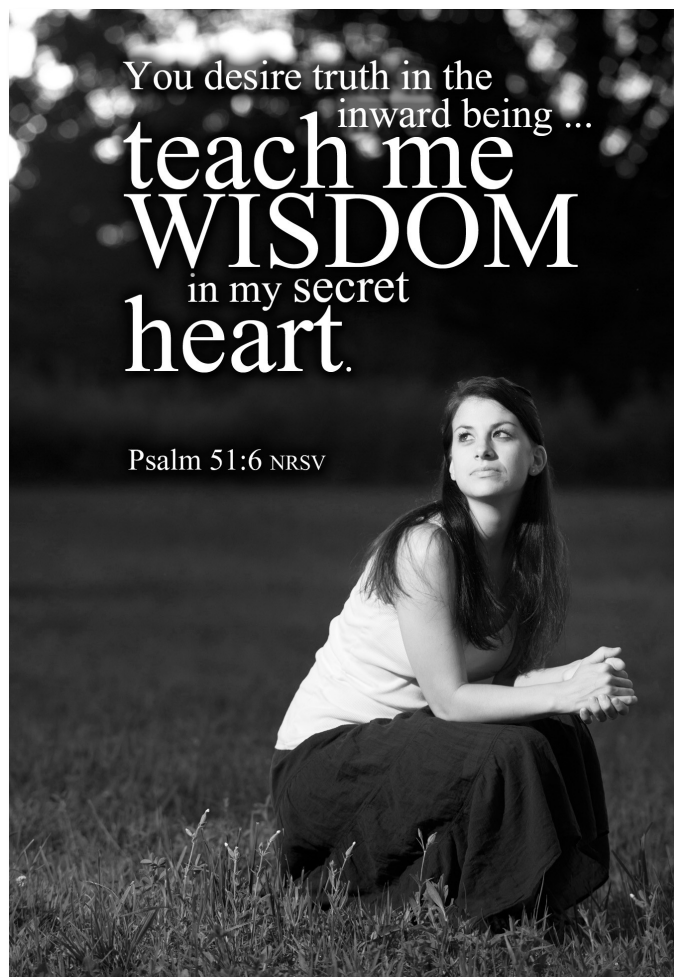
Yahweh gave man work to do before sin was introduced to the human race by the enemy, Satan. Man was not placed into this world, and we are not born into this world, to be idle. Yahweh, Who gave us life, has also given work to do in which we are to serve Him and those of our generation.

Yahweh Himself set the example for us to work in the work of creation, and we are reminded that *on the seventh day, Yahweh ended His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made*, Genesis 2:2. Yahshua, while here on earth, declared, “My Father worketh hitherto, and I work” and “I must work the works of Him Who sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work (John 5:17, 9:4). Yes, we now labor “in the sweat of [our] face” (Genesis 3:19) since the curse came upon the earth because of sin’s entrance, but Yahweh assures us that He designed work and a job well done to bring reward and pleasure (Psalm 128:2). Work willingly, happily, and the glory of Yahweh, and reap the rewards of your diligent effort.

## Honesty

Everyone wants their leaders to be fair, just, and equitable. We often see the opposite: Dishonesty, unfairness, and inequity. Every facet of life is being affected as this world slides into chaos. Lately, evil seems to rule the minds and hearts of more and more people. Truly, we are living in crooked, perverse times. World leaders are dominated by persuasive individuals who do not practice what they preach. They make claims of what *others* should do, but fail to follow their own counsel. This brings shame and reproach not just on the individual, but on their families and associates as well.

Sadly, we also see this in people who claim to follow Messiah, but live like they are unbelievers. When a hypocritical or dishonest person is a believer in Yahshua Messiah, it can also cast reproach on the assembly he or she attends, and as well, upon Yahweh and Yahshua. We are to be lights to the world and good examples of our faith. Our actions have great bearing upon our witness. We should never destroy our witness by living like the world. Honesty is very important! Liars are condemned in Scripture. We need to make sure every word that proceeds from our mouths is truthful. Children also follow our examples.



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## Fast and Yummy Turkey Sloppy Joes

1 lb ground turkey, cooked and drained

1/2 of small onion, sauteed in butter

1 cup ketchup

1 t. yellow mustard

1 t. Worcestershire sauce

Salt and pepper to taste

Buns, to serve



Combine all except buns and heat until bubbling. Serve on buns

## Taco Casserole

1 can (8 oz) crescent rolls

1 lb. ground beef, cooked and drained

1 packet taco seasoning

2/3 cup water

3/4 cup salsa

1 cup cheddar

Optional toppings: Slices olives, sliced jalapenos, shredded lettuce, diced tomatoes, avocados or guacamole, sour cream, cilantro leaves, diced red onions, or sliced green onions.



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9 by 13 inch pan with cooking nonstick spray. Press the crescent rolls into bottom and set aside. To the ground beef in skillet, add water, salsa, and taco packet. Cook till thickened. Pour over crescent rolls and top with cheese. Bake until bubbly, about 30 minutes. Let rest for 10 minutes before cutting into squares. Top with your desired toppings.