

Everyday Graciousness
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Scriptures:

- Luke 10:38-42
- Galatians 3:28, *AMPC*
- Matthew 20:25-27

Summary:

God's grace affects us on a deep level and comes to us in our everyday living. It's good to know the Bible, but our emphasis shouldn't be on the specific Scriptures we know; it should be on how gracious we are as people. During His ministry, Jesus was operating in a patriarchal society but was deliberate and intentional in empowering women and showing them equal favor. This was demonstrated when He came to visit Mary and Martha and allowed Mary to sit in His presence to learn from Him; at that time this was unheard of. In an era when men routinely dominated women, Jesus leveled the playing field and established biblical equality. God loves and values all of us, regardless of gender. Letting Christ influence our thinking improves our relationships with others on every level.

Notes:

1. Jesus modeled grace and biblical equality in a patriarchal society. Back then, this was radical.
2. Relationships are important to God; He wants us to know how to operate in them. He wants us to be successful at home, at work, in our everyday lives, and in how we treat each other.
3. God makes Himself available to everyone. When He came to visit Mary and Martha, He ministered to both of them.
4. Jesus came to bring biblical equality and level the playing for everyone. However, we all have different giftings and anointings on our lives which we must recognize and respect.
5. We live in a world that wants to dominate and control; believers are called to a different lifestyle.
6. Without biblical equality, relationships can be characterized by power imbalances, lack of respect, communication breakdowns, diminished trust, and negative impacts on mental health.

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