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## Preface

The idea for this was inspired by a booklet written by my mother over 30 years ago: “Things Women Can do in the Church” available at <https://insightintobibletruth.net/woman-to-woman/>

*2 Timothy 1:5 NASB: For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well.*

*2 Timothy 3:14-15 NASB: You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*

## I. General notes:

- A. We are a part of the church 24 hours of the day
- B. There is something for everyone to do in the name of Christ
- C. You can work:
  1. individually
  2. with another brother, or
  3. in a group
- D. Sometimes a change in your life can help you to reevaluate what you can do. Look for new ways to work because of:
  1. health changes
  2. a new child
  3. children growing up
  4. becoming a widower
  5. children leaving home
  6. a move to a new neighborhood
- E. Use service as an opportunity to speak for Christ, giving Him the glory
- F. WATCH OUT! There's so much to do there's a danger of neglecting first priorities
- G. This list is not complete. Keep adding and sharing ideas.
- H. Many of the ideas can be included under more than one category
- I. Be mindful of “hedgies” when serving women and children – Make sure someone else is with you: your wife or another brother

## II. THE HOME:

- A. This is your God-given number one priority work in the church
- B. Love your wife as yourself
- C. Bring up your children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord
- D. Change diapers
- E. Wash dishes
- F. Help clean the house
- G. Help cook meals

- H. Do laundry
- I. Manage finances with your wife
- J. Live within your budget
- K. Spend quality time with your family
  - Note: You can't have quality without quantity!
- L. Take care of elderly parents
- M. Fix things that are broken or oversee someone else who has the expertise
- N. Protect your family
- O. Study to prepare yourself to be an elder, evangelist, or deacon

### III. AT YOUR JOB:

- A. Work so you and your family can eat
- B. Work so you have something to share with people in need
- C. Work as unto the Lord
- D. Be diligent
- E. Talk about Christ to co-workers when you are off the clock

### IV. FROM YOUR HOME FOR OTHERS:

- A. Send cards, text messages, or emails to specific people to encourage them
- B. Fix someone's appliance/car in your shop
- C. Teach an adult or teenager to read. (Bible-based programs are the best)
- D. Teach someone English (Bible-based programs are the best: such as "Let's start Talking")
- E. Write articles about Bible topics
- F. Help take care of grandchildren
- G. Translate good materials from one language to another
- H. Invite others to your home
- I. Hold a Bible study in your home weekly
- J. Tutor a young person
- K. Start a men's prayer group
- L. Personally pray for others
- M. Edit video and audio of Bible classes and sermons
- N. Manage church websites, YouTube, Facebook, etc.
- O. Teach Bible classes on Zoom, Teams, Google Meet, etc.
- P. Prepare meals for the needy, lonely, or sick person
- Q. Call to encourage someone
- R. Counsel people who visit you. (Make sure your wife or a brother is with you when counselling women or children)
- S. Show hospitality:
  1. to Christians

- 2. to neighbors' children
- 3. to non-Christians
- T. Be "parents" to the latch-key kids on the block
- U. Have birthday parties for lonely people
- V. Maintain a safe place for college students to gather
- W. Babysit for other families with your wife:
  - 1. So others can have home Bible studies
  - 2. So a young mother can have some time for herself
  - 3. To get to know an unconverted neighbor
- X. Give care to a handicapped or elderly person so his/her regular caretaker can have time for relaxing, shopping, etc. (This is sometimes called respite care)
- Y. Conduct a correspondence course of the Bible
- Z. Lead a small group
- AA. Prepare bulletins, flyers, handouts, etc. for church

- V. WITH A CAR OR WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF YOUR NEIGHBORS:**
- A. Take flowers to sick or shut-ins with your wife and children
  - B. Visit newcomers in town with your wife and children
  - C. Take clothes, etc. to needy (poor, disaster victims)
  - D. Visit church absentees
  - E. Visit a convalescent or retirement home
  - F. Take a group of young people to visit a convalescent or retirement home
  - G. Take a youth group to sing for shut-ins
  - H. Take a birthday cake to a shut-in or lonely person
  - I. Teach Bible lessons to a family in their home
  - J. Help the poor, sick, bereaved, or lonely in their home:
    - 1. cook a meal
    - 2. babysit in the home while parents are away or even when they are home
    - 3. help with birthdays, anniversaries
    - 4. run errands
    - 5. make home repairs
    - 6. clean house
  - K. Take someone shopping who needs transportation
  - L. Counsel couples with problems
  - M. Get involved in your child's school
  - N. Pick up people to take them to church:
    - 1. seniors
    - 2. children
    - 3. families
  - O. Take a senior citizen out to lunch, for a ride, to see the scenery, to the library, shopping, to visit their friends or family

- P. Take a father to see his child in an institution/jail/hospital
- Q. Visit the sick (known and unknown) in hospitals. Take:
  1. a small gift
  2. a homegrown plant
  3. a small puzzle
  4. food (if allowed)
  5. a Bible verse
- R. Teach someone to read in their home
- S. Teach a young man how to drive
- T. Furnish dinner for a family in distress
- U. Visit new neighbors
- V. Share the gospel with neighbors in daily sidewalk conversations
- W. Help people with spiritual and physical problems
- X. Adopt a grandchild

#### **VI. IN THE CHURCH BUILDING:**

- A. Make repairs
- B. Organize files
- C. Be a volunteer librarian of the church library
- D. Make bulletin boards
- E. Beautify the church grounds
- F. Joyfully clean the building
- G. Paint a classroom
- H. Help fold, address, and stamp the church mailings

#### **VII. IN THE CHURCH MEETINGS:**

- A. Always be present
- B. Participate in class in a way that edifies
- C. Run the audio-visual equipment
- D. Help other families with their children
- E. Be responsible for regularly bringing people to church
- F. Teach, counsel, etc. at camps, rallies, retreats
- G. Teach a children's class
- H. Be a team-teacher
- I. Be a teacher's helper
- J. Hold a teachers' workshop
- K. Take the Lord's Supper to absentees
- L. Help prepare and clean up after a church fellowship meal
- M. Serve the Lord's Supper
- N. Preach a sermon
- O. Teach an adult class
- P. Lead singing

## VIII. DO THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST, AN ELDER, OR A DEACON:

### A. Notes

1. You don't have to be an evangelist, elder, or deacon to do many of these things. In fact, in many cases you need to show that you can do them to be qualified to be given the responsibility
2. These lists are not meant to be comprehensive but presented in the spirit of this document: to spark your thinking about what you can do for the Lord
3. The work of these men many times overlaps. An item in any group is not meant to exclude it from the others

### B. Like an Evangelist

1. Preach and teach the Word
2. Equip the saints for the work of service
3. Rebuke
4. Reprove
5. Exhort
6. Start a church in an area where there is none
7. Set things in order
8. Be an example in speech, conduct, love, faith, purity
9. Win souls

### C. Like an Elder

1. Preach and teach the Word
2. Equip the saints for the work of service
3. Exhort
4. Convict
5. Quiet false teachers
6. Lead by example
7. Visit the sick
8. Pray for/with Christians seeking forgiveness
9. Oversee helping the poor

### D. Like a Deacon

1. Serve tables
2. Help with details that make activities run smoothly
3. Keep financial records
4. Organize a group to:
  - a) Do repairs on an elderly person's house
  - b) Do yardwork for a sick person
  - c) Help do repair or construction for another church or church campground
5. Organize a day to fix up the building
6. Oversee ongoing maintenance and cleanup
7. Take care of widows (with your wife)

**FIND YOUR JOB(S) AND GET BUSY JOYFULLY!**