

Character Counts: Building a Life That Pleases God

Being a Balanced Woman of God

SELECTED SCRIPTURES



The Heart of the Matter

It is doubtful that there is a tougher role to fill today than that of the Christian woman who desires to walk with God. The tightrope is most precarious, stretched high above numerous perils, with dangerous gusts of wind from the world pushing her off balance. Advice comes from every source, some of it strong and convincing. And then there are those undeniable feelings within that shout (and occasionally scream) for attention and satisfaction . . . not all of them wrong or bad, but many of them unfulfilled. What's a woman to do? Become a balanced woman of God.



Discovering the Way

1. Two Extremes—Neither Very Attractive

Our culture has produced two extremes among women—the overly aggressive woman and the inordinately passive woman.

2. Why? What Has Caused Such Extremism?

The extremes are a result of four factors: a misunderstanding of submission, the failures of men, disconnected women, and an overreaction to all of this in the church.

3. Balance—A Scriptural Analysis (Acts 16:1–2, 11–15; 21:7–14)

The balanced woman of God is committed to the Scriptures, sees her giftedness and value, and trusts in the Lord as her refuge.

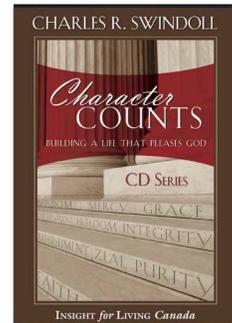


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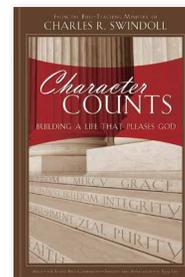
Three practical suggestions for being a balanced woman of God: *become a serious student of the Scriptures, guard against either extreme, and commit yourself to working through conflicts rather than running from them.*



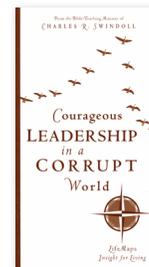
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