

EDITORIAL - ROSEMARIE LYNCH

"WHERE ARE OUR MEN"

A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man. She must be silent. 1 Timothy 2:11-12.

To understand these verses, we must understand the situation that faced Paul and Timothy. In first century Jewish culture, women were not allowed to study. When Paul said that women should learn in quietness and full submission, he was offering them an amazing new opportunity. Paul did not want the Ephesian women to teach because they did not have enough knowledge and experience.

In churches today this is one of the Bible verses that our brothers use a cloak and hide under. It is ok for us women to burn the midnight oil on our faces seeking God and interceding on behalf of the church, to fast and pray, and lead our family in devotion. While our husbands, brothers, sleep and profile and readily quote the scriptures that Adam was before Eve so we are to submit and follow them in silence.

Men sit in the pulpit, minister to the congregation on "E" empty that is, void of the anointing and doing total injustice to the word. They do not fast regularly and some don't even remember what is supplication. Where are our men when its time to get into spiritual warfare and pray for the sick and the broken? Why are our men so insensitive to the Holy Spirit and the anointing? Church will be in session and some of our men will be walking around the premises with their shirt out of their pants and some will even form conglomerations all around the compound. Prayer meetings - Where are our men? Fasting service - Where are our men? Why is it that our men are afraid of processing?

I AM THE CLAY LORD, YOU ARE THE POTTER by Agella Beckford - Brown

I do not know what shape or size or even what vessel I'll be. I am only the clay I cannot see. You are articulate and master architect, so I will wait on you for your true design.

OUCH! What pain I feel to be cut out, what great burning when I'm being washed, then what agony to be broken, melted and molded. But, I'll wait to see what shape will come about.

I am now examined to see if I am ready for the wheel. More pain, burning and agony I shall feel. But my Master Potter knows and only HE has my vessel in mind, o by Him I am curiously designed

What state would our church be today without the prayers of the "unrecognized praying women?" Men, who are afraid to fall prostrate before God, yet not afraid to "profile" in the pulpit without the anointing, turn up their noses at women who teach, preach and pastor the congregation.

Men it's full time for you all to step to the plate, come up. Homes are crying out for the priests in you to lead and to teach. Lead in every sense. Reclaim your God given responsibility and "lead by example".

Come forth me! God need you, the church needs you, your wives need you and your children need you!

*A woman is an inherent incubator
She multiplies everything she receives
Give her a house and she will give you a home
Give her a smile and she will give you her heart
Give her frustration and - TROUBLE multiplies*

*From: Your Wife Is Not Your Momma
By : Wellington Boone*

*When you have tasted possibilities, it is very
difficult to settle for impossibilities"*

Myles Munroe

On the Wheel of shaping my new vessel, I am being cut and cored without a wrestle. "Oh please Master Potter", is what I could mutter.

Alas Master Potter you have made the clay into a vessel beautiful, hand carved, refined and polished for any holder so dutiful. Because you are the Potter and I am the clay, make me what you want me to be, I humbly pray.