

DAY 6

Impacting the Community

And it will be in the last days, says God, that I will pour out my Spirit on all people; then your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams.

Acts 2:17

Leadership Affirmation

I long for my life to radiate the grace of the Lord, the compassion of the Spirit, and the fullness of Christ upon every person I lead.

Just as men and women are gifted by God to lead in the home, the Lord commissions them to lead in the community. The prophet Micah, a contemporary of Isaiah, laid out a specific set of spiritual requirements the Lord is looking for in His people: faithful leaders who act justly, who love faithfulness, and who walk humbly with the Lord our God (Micah 6:8). Scripture is replete with stories of such men and women.

In every generation, *God designed both men and women to lead in advocacy and justice*. In the prologue to the acrostic poem we know as “The Virtuous Woman,” the king’s mother gave this stirring admonition to her son to lead by serving others: *Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy* (Proverbs 31:8–9). Men and women alike advocate for justice, care for the marginalized, and fight for the rights of the oppressed.

In society, *God designed both men and women to lead with charity and service*. Leading by serving their communities provides for the needs of the poor, shows hospitality, reflects the heart of Christ, and meets practical needs within the community (Proverbs 31:20; Matthew 25:34–40; Acts 9:36–39; James 1:27–2:20).

In society, *God designed both men and women to lead in business and enterprise*. Men and women alike engage in business and enterprise, contributing to the economic development and prosperity of their communities. Scripture applauds the artisans who worked “with integrity” in renovating the Temple in Josiah’s day (2 Chronicles 34:8–13). It also applauds the entrepreneurial spirit of the virtuous woman (Proverbs 31:16–20).

Prayer for Protection

Lord, lead me to serve and guide others according to the integrity of my heart and by the skillfulness of my hands.