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FIRST THINGS FIRST: MAINTAINING PRIORITIES ON AND AROUND THE WORSHIP TEAM

I. What are Your Priorities? Titus 2:4-5

As a woman it is always a temptation to look outside the home for our fulfillment. We need to remember God's Word is always true.

"Now, it is good and right for us to want to invest the gifts and talents God has bestowed on us for the good of the church; but when we view homemaking as a hindrance to using our gifts, I think we're missing a vitally important truth.

You see, the gifts God has given to each of us are not only for the "common good" (1 Cor. 12:7) of those outside our family, but they are first and foremost for the good of those within our family. In fact, I would argue that there is no place where our gifts and skills should be more heartily put to use than with the family God has given to our charge." (Carolyn Mahaney, Girtalk blog)

A. Relationship with God

1. Devotions
2. Passion
3. Satisfied

B. Husband

1. Love
2. Submission
3. His evaluation
4. His faith for your involvement
5. Is he sacrificing his calling for your involvement

C. Children

1. Cared for
2. Trained

- a. Love for God
 - b. Worship
 - c. Discipline
- D. Home
- 1. Maintained
 - 2. Heart there/ satisfied
- E. Relationships
- 1. Being known
 - 2. Knowing
 - 3. Investment of time
- F. Serving in Church
- 1. In secret
 - 2. Do I look for ways that may serve my family more?
 - 3. With your Family (Cowans)

II. What is Your Situation?

- A. Serving on the team
- 1. Are my priorities intact
 - 2. Do I hold this position lightly?
 - 3. Husband in full faith
 - 4. Details
- B. Your husband is on the team.
- 1. Do I enjoy and delight in seeing his gifts used to the glory of God?
 - 2. Do I really believe this is God's designed plan for my life?
 - 3. Have I thought through the practical implications
 - a. Meetings alone
 - b. Staying late or leaving alone
 - c. Kids to class
 - d. Rehearsals
 - 4. Am I embracing this as my calling?
 - 5. Am I becoming independent of him?
- C. You are both on the team
- 1. Unique challenges

2. Administrative gift!

III. What is Your Response?

Romans 12:3-6

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we are many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having differing gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them (Rom. 12:3-6 ESV).

- A. Humility
 1. In light of your gifts
 2. In light of the gospel
- B. Evaluation
 1. Your priorities
 2. Your heart
 3. Your actions
- C. Faith
 1. Remember who God is...
 2. Remember His past faithfulness
 3. Remember His promise of future grace