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## Topic: Women Gird Up Your Loins

**Part 1 - Episode 82 - 85 addresses all the fruits of the Spirit and the benefits of the fruits in our personal lives. As an example:**

**1. Fruit of Gentleness makes us a great - Psalm 18.35** You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; Your right hand has held me up, Your gentleness has made me great.

**2. Fruit of Joy gives us strength - John 15.11**"These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full. Neh 8.10 background they had rebuilt the wall, it came with a lot of persecution, and finally when they officiated they celebrated the day of the Lord the people mourned and weeped, and Ezra the Priest tells them "Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

**3. Fruit of Love enables faith to work in our lives - Gal 5.6**For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.

**Faith works by Love**

**Matthew 22.36** "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

Deut 6.5 **5**And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

**Episode 86 - How does walking in the Spirit look on You?**

**Prosperity in soul and body. John 3.2** Beloved, I pray that in every way you may prosper and enjoy good health, as your soul also prospers. Faith works inside out when we love God it activates His faith from our spirit outwardly…why must we love God with all our mind and soul, because our mind and soul can be block the faith of God which is drawn from our spirit man outwardly. When we Love God with all our heart and soul and strength and mind we experience the faith of God in every area of our life.

**<u>Women Gird up Your Loins?</u>**

**1. What does this mean?**

Prepare / Equip / Empower yourselves through knowledge of Word of God by the inspiration of Holy Spirit, including Praise and Worship, submission to the Word of God.

**2. Why do we need to Gird up our Loins Listeners?**

**A. We are God's Family and must uphold our heritage**

1 Peter 2 **9**But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; **10**who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

**3. How do we uphold our heritage?**

i. **As God's family we must be holy**

1 Peter 1.13 **13**Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest *your* hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; **14**as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, *as* in your ignorance; **15**but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, **16**because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

Christians. We are required to have a holy conduct, without "girding up the loins of our mind, be sober" when cannot fulfill the conduct of a holy nation that is required as God's people.

**Definition of Gird according to biblehub GreekTranslation:**

**Part of Speech:** Verb
**Transliteration:** anazónnumi
**Phonetic Spelling:** (an-ad-zone'-noo-mee)
**Definition:** to gird up
**Usage:** I gird up, brace up (with a view to active exertion); a metaphor from the girding of the flowing tunic, to prevent its hampering one in active work.

**328** *anazónnymi* (from 303 */aná*, "*up* to down" and 2224 */zónnymi*, "gird, take out slack") – properly, raise up a tunic (= "tighten the belt"), "girding oneself"; (figuratively) getting *ready* (*prepared*) to move quickly, i.e. where someone *needs* to go and arrive at without delay.

**ii. Being Watchful so that 1 we don't miss the rapture, 2 we have a good reward for our time on earth?**

**Luke 12.35 Be Ready for Service (Watchfulness)**

**35**Let your loins be girded about, and *your* lights burning; **36**And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. **37**Blessed *are* those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. **38**And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find *them* so, blessed are those servants.

**39**And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. **40**Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

Then Peter said to Him, "Lord, do You speak this parable *only* to us, or to all *people?*"

**42**And the Lord said, "Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom *his* master will make ruler over his household, to give *them their* portion of food [h]in due season? **43**Blessed *is* that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. **44**Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has. **45**But if that servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk, **46**the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for *him,* and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in two and appoint *him* his portion with the unbelievers. **47**And that servant who knew his master's will, and did not prepare *himself* or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many *stripes.* **48**But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.

Where much is given to you, much will be required, you are going to measured for your role as a parent, spouse, community leader, and vocation

1. Your children need you?

2. Your spouse needs you if married.

3. Communities need you?

4. Vocation - You have a purpose designed on purpose and need you?

i. To be effective in your role as a mom, business women, profession you need to prepare yourself?

Girding her self in gives her strength to be productive in business, caring for the community and looking after her household. **(Gird is studying God's word, praise and worship - obedience to the instruction of God's word)**

Prov 31.17- 20 She **girds** herself with strength,
And strengthens her arms.
**18**She perceives that her merchandise *is* good,
And her lamp does not go out by night.
**19**She stretches out her hands to the distaff,
And her hand holds the spindle.
**20**She extends her hand to the poor,
Yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy.

31 Give her of the fruit of her hands,
And let her own works praise her in the gates.

ii. Vocation - Public Speaking / Pastor / Community Leader / Teacher - prepare yourself

1 Jeremiah.1. **17**Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them. - (tucked up his cloak around his belt and stood up to speak)

To run on an errand Elijah had to prepare himself - 1 Kings 18 **46**And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel. - (tucked up his cloak into his belt. Loins is a belt around your waist, hip.