

Evening Worship Service

Theme: Hold Such Men In Esteem

Title: Phoebe: A Servant Of The Church

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MESSAGE OUTLINE

(I) The Place Of Women In The First Century Church

- 1. Women were included in ministry**
- 2. Women took up leadership roles in the church**
- 3. Women can contribute significantly to the Lord's work**

(II) Paul's Personal Regard Towards Phoebe

4. Wonderful Sense Of Identification With Phoebe

"I commend to you Phoebe..." (Romans 16:1)

5. A Sister

"I commend to you Phoebe our sister..." (Romans 16:1)

6. A Deaconess

"Who is a servant of the church..." (Romans 16:1)

7. A Helper

"She has been a helper of many and of myself also." (Romans 16:2)

(III) Paul's Instruction To The Church How To Regard Her

8. Personal Regard

a) With a great sense of hospitality and welcome

"That you may receive her in the Lord..." (Romans 16:2)

b) With a great sense of honor and respect

"Receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints..." (Romans 16:2)

9. Practical Regard

- a) With regards to the Lord's work
- b) With a great sense of support and assistance
"And assist her in whatever business she has need of you..." (Romans 16:2)

(IV) Challenges

10. To emulate the example of Phoebe

11. To give support and assistance towards leaders of the church

12. To have a sense of regard and respect towards others who have helped you