

## VISION

As we grow and mature in godliness we sow into women within our reach, families, church and communities.

## MISSION

To meet the complex needs of today's women and inspire sisterhood through encouragement, empowerment, development. We purpose to SOW into our church sisters of all ages and stages.

## GOALS

Sisters of Worship Sisters of Warfare Sisters of the Word Sisters of Wisdom Sisters of Worth

## GUIDING PRINCIPLE

- I present my worship to God in spirit and truth.
- I recognise spiritual warfare and know how to fight my battles successfully.
- I engage God's Word in a way that guides my mind and transforms my heart.
- I'm being the very best me that God has called me to be.
- I know who I am in God - my value is not centered on the opinions, ideas or views of others.
- The law of sowing and reaping – there is a balance with what we take in spiritually with what we give back in service.

## INTRODUCTION

We reap what we SOW. Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap (Galatians 6:7). Farmers and gardeners throughout history have depended on this principle of sowing and reaping. Reaping what we sow is not only true in the natural realm, it's true in life as well – this a principle established by God.

The fact that we reap what we sow is good news, on condition that we sow into godly habits in our worship, warfare, the word, wisdom and our worth.

2 In 2 Corinthians 9, Paul speaks to the Corinthians about the generous gift that they are preparing to give to the Macedonians. The Macedonians were going through a famine and he was taking up a collection for them. Paul boasts on the Corinthian church telling them that he had told others about their willing hearts and gracious ministry to those who served God and to those in need.

He shares with them that he really doesn't need to say this because it is well known that the Corinthian church despite all its problems, had been a giving church, ministering to those in need with the love of Christ!

Paul lays a further challenge before them, he challenges them to the specific task of giving generously to the church in Jerusalem and reminds them of the principle of sowing and reaping "whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously".

Whilst God wants us to prosper in all aspects of life, the law of prosperity is determined by the principle He established – We reap what we sow.

Despite our own daily challenges and issues, we are still expected to SOW good habits and to SOW into those in need with the love of Christ.

Irrespective of our service of yesterday or yester-years; right now, today; our sister in Christ, our family, our church, our community is in need of our service and ministry.

NOC Women's Ministries hope and pray that every woman within our reach will experience the generosity and love of their church sister as we encourage, empower and develop each other to be sisters of: Worship, Warfare, the Word, Wisdom and Worth and to sow into our families, church and communities whilst we continue to grow and mature in godliness.  
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### 3 GOAL 1 – SISTERS OF WORSHIP

Romans 12:1-2 12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will

John 4:23 23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.

### CONTEXT

God knows all things and possesses all things in heaven and earth. While He is in need of nothing, there is one thing that God longs to receive from us. God desire is for us to freely, boldly, and passionately worship Him.

Through the 'Woman at the well' account in John 4, Jesus speaks to us about living water and true worship – He invites us to explore the depths of His love through worship. May we never limit worship to a set time, place, or activity. The great hymn, When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, captures the essence of true worship with the words, "Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all."

The greatest way to honour God the Father, is to worship Him rightly, in Spirit and in Truth.

## FOCUS AREAS

An attitude in God's presence In Spirit and in Truth

- o Body

- o Soul

- o Spirit Worshipping at the Throne

WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE - I present my worship to God in spirit and truth.

## 4 GOAL 2 - SISTERS OF WARFARE

Ephesians 6:10 – 17

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Matthew 28:18 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

## CONTEXT

Spiritual warfare is that conflict being waged in the invisible spiritual realm that is seen in the visible, physical realm. Whilst spiritual warfare is unseen, it's absolutely real! It is fought in two ways: offensive and defensive. Offensive warfare - pulling down the strongholds the enemy has created in our mind through deceit and accusations; defensive warfare shielding ourselves against the schemes of the devil.

Prepared or not, we became a part of spiritual warfare the day we accepted the Lord Jesus as our personal Saviour. This war affects every area of our lives. There is no way we can avoid the conflict and some of us have become casualties of spiritual warfare... depression, discouragement, despair and defeat are some of the battle scars we bear. Be confident in that this battle is the Lord's battle, not ours - when we see this will we be able to wage victorious spiritual warfare.

## FOCUS AREAS

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The process of protection The spiritual battle The worldly battle The battle within us The process of deliverance

o Strongholds o Demonic legal rights

WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE - I recognise spiritual warfare and know how to fight my battles successfully.

## 5 GOAL 3 - SISTERS OF THE WORD

2 Timothy 3:14-17

14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, 15 and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God [ a ] may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Matthew 24:35

35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

## CONTEXT

The Word! 66 books, from 40 authors, over 2200 years, in 3 languages, on 3 continents, with 1 divinely-inspired theme of love and redemption for all mankind!

Of all the words, available to us and at our disposal, none can compare to the Word of God. His word has power to change lives, soothes us in our moments of misery, brings peace to a troubled soul!

Knowing and experiencing the power of God's Word in heaven and earth can only be done by moving beyond reading His Word to studying His Word - that we may be fully equipped for every good work.

We are responsible for not just being hearers of the Word but doers also.

## FOCUS AREAS

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Study the Word Submit to the Word Obey the Word Live by the Word

WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE - I engage God's Word in a way that guides my mind and transforms my heart.

#### 6 GOAL 4 - SISTERS OF WISDOM

Proverbs 31: 10 - 31

10 A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. 11 Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. 12 She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. 13 She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands. 14 She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar. 15 She gets up while it is still night; she provides food for her family and portions for her female servants. 16 She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard. 17 She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks. 18 She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night. 19 In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers. 20 She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy. 21 When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet. 22 She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple. 23 Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land. 24 She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes. 25 She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. 26 She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. 27 She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. 28 Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 29 "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." 30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. 31 Honour her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

#### CONTEXT

Is this Proverbs 31 woman a futile aspiration? From time to time we fail in some of the virtues listed but that is the very reason why we need to set our hearts on the One who governs our day to day and its practicalities. Instead of looking at this Proverbs 31 woman as a reminder of our failings let's look at this woman with hope and anticipation of the woman we're striving to be knowing that God has not finished his work in us yet!

#### FOCUS AREAS

To apply Proverbs 31 wisdom in practical ways to our:

☐ words ☐ friendships ☐ desires ☐ emotions ☐ money ☐ sexuality

WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE - I'm being the very best me that God has called me to be.

## 7 GOAL 5 - SISTERS OF WORTH

Luke 1: 45 45 Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfil his promises to her!"

### CONTEXT

There's nothing wrong with having a desire to be accepted and valued in our home, work or society. But, society has manipulated women of all ages and stages and their self-worth image, economic status, education, talent, sexuality or even rebelliousness are a few worldly influences we see impacting the way we view ourselves.

When society dictates our self-worth, we struggle to feel adequate. But thanks be to God, society does not set the measure of our value. No matter how women are devalued, belittled or discarded in this world, nothing can dilute the immeasurable worth that we have in the heart of God.

Achievement of a godly mind-set of self-worth is dependent on attaining self-acceptance - the recognition that mistakes will happen and expectations from everyone will not be met.

Our self-worth and self-acceptance must be rooted in knowing our identity as a daughter of God, created in His image and for His glory.

It's time to know our worth and make no apologies for it!

### FOCUS AREAS

To address the issues of self-acceptance and self-worth, irrespective of age or stage:

☑ Singleness ☑ Relationships ☑ Parenting ☑ Kitchen table talks (mother and daughter/sister to sister) ☑ #Me Too

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