

Women of the Word  
IMAGE BEARERS  
*Made for relationships...*  
*Made for worship...*

## I Review Principles

**Image Bearing** describes the PROCESS of Christian living where forgiven sinners-made-saints in Christ are made to reflect God's Image in relationships and worship so that God receives glory and others bear witness to Christ's character in us!

1. We must know **WHO God is** in order to have a relationship with Him.  
'...these things are written so that you may believe that *Jesus is the Christ, the SON of GOD* and that believing you may have *LIFE in His NAME*.' (John 20:30, 31)

2. We must know **WHAT God is LIKE** to ENJOY that relationship with Him.  
'*Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us."* *Jesus said to him: "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has SEEN ME has SEEN the FATHER..."* (John 14:8,9)  
'*Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but EMPTIED Himself, taking the FORM of a bond-servant, and being made in the LIKENESS of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming OBEDIENT to the point of death, even death on a cross...God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the Name...above every name so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow.*' Ph. 2:5-10

3. We must enter into PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP with the TRIUNE God through believing in Him in order to be spiritually transformed.  
'*God so loved the world that whosoever believes on Him should not perish but HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.*' (John 3:16)  
'...Whenever a person TURNS to the LORD, *the veil is taken away*. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is LIBERTY. But we all, *with UNVEILED face*, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, *are being TRANSFORMED into the SAME IMAGE from glory to glory*, just as from the Lord the Spirit. '(2 Cor. 3:15b-18)

4. We must CONTINUE being TRANSFORMED by the Holy Spirit to reflect the glory of Christ for a life-time so we can experience an *healthy spiritual relationship with God and with others*.  
'Do not be deceived; God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who *SOWS to the SPIRIT* will *from the Spirit reap eternal life. Let us not lose heart in doing good*, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary. So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people and especially to those...of the household of the faith.' (Gal. 6:1-10)

5. We must KNOW God's PERSON/CHARACTER personally in order to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.  
'...you worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But an hour is coming, and now is, when the *TRUE WORSHIPERS* will *worship the Father in SPIRIT and TRUTH*; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. **GOD IS SPIRIT** and those who worship Him *must worship in spirit and truth*.' (John 4:23, 24)

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Omniscient  
Omnipotent  
Sovereign

**Section VI**      **CONCLUSION**

In their normal fallen state, our hearts are deceitful and desperately wicked, unholy.

Without an awakening of our dead souls by the Holy Spirit's power, **we cannot be holy nor are we able** to choose holiness. God's Spirit unblinds us as we look at the glory of the Lord.

By the Spirit, not our flesh, we are transformed from one degree of likeness to Christ to another.