The **Important** yet **"little known"** ***Women*** in the **Life** and **Ministry of Paul**

A. ***Lydia***—Greek word – "beautiful one" or "noble one"

And on the **Sabbath day** we (**Paul**) went outside the gate (**Philippi**) to a riverside,
where we were supposing that there would be a place of **prayer**;
and we sat down and began **speaking** to the **women** who had **assembled**.

A **woman** named **Lydia,** from the city of Thyatira, a **seller** of **purple fabrics**,
a **worshiper of God**, was ***listening***; and the **Lord** ***opened***
her heart to **respond** to the things **spoken** by **Paul**.

And when **she** and **her household** had been **baptized**,
she **urged us**, saying, "If you have judged me to be ***faithful*** to the **Lord**,
come into my house and **stay**." And **she prevailed upon us**. (Acts 16:13-15)

B. ***Priscilla***—Latin origin - "ancient" or "venerable"

After these things **he** (**Paul**) left Athens and went to **Corinth**.
And **he** found **a Jew** named **Aquila,** a native of Pontus,
having recently come from Italy with his **wife Priscilla,**
because **Claudius** had commanded all the **Jews** to *leave* **Rome.**

He came to **them**, and because he was of the **same** ***trade***,
he stayed with them and they were **working**,
for by **trade** they were ***tent-makers***. (Acts 18:1-3)

Greet **Prisca and Aquila**, my **fellow workers** in **Messiah Yeshua**,
who for my life **risked their own necks,**
to whom not only do **I give thanks**,
but also **all** the **churches** of the **Gentiles;**
also *greet* **the church** that is in ***their house***. (Romans 16:3-5a)

C. ***Phoebe***— derived from Greek – "bright, shining, radiant"

I commend to you **our** ***sister*** **Phoebe**,
who is **a servant** of the **church** which is at **Cenchrea**;
that you ***receive her*** in **the Lord** in a manner ***worthy*** of the **saints,**

and that you ***help her*** in **whatever matter** she may have **need** of you;
for **she herself** has also been **a** ***helper*** **of many**, and of **myself** as well.
(Romans 16:1-2)

D. ***Euodia***—Greek origins – "good journey" "prosperous way"
Syntyche—ancient Greek name – "fortunate"

Therefore, my **beloved brethren** whom **I long** *to see*,..
stand firm in **the Lord,** my **beloved.**

I urge **Euodia** and I urge **Syntyche** to **live** in ***harmony*** in **the Lord.**

Indeed, **true companion**, I ask you also to **help** these **women** who have
shared my *struggle* in *the* ***cause of*** **the gospel**,
together with **Clement** also and the rest of my fellow workers,
whose **names** are in the **book of life**.
(Philippians 4:1-3)

E. ***Lois***—Greek origins – "better" or "more desirable"
Eunice—Greek origins – "good victory"

Paul came also to **Derbe** and to **Lystra**.
And a ***disciple*** was there, named **Timothy**, the **son** of a
Jewish woman who was **a believer**, but his **father** was a **Greek**,
and **he** was **well spoken of** by the **brethren** who were in **Lystra** and **Iconium**.
Paul wanted this man to **go with him**;..(Acts 16:1-3a)

…I constantly **remember** you (**Timothy**) in my **prayers** *night* and *day*,
longing to **see you**, even as **I recall** your ***tears,***
so that I may be **filled** with **joy.**

For I am mindful of the **sincere faith** within **you**,
which first **dwelt** in your **grandmother Lois** and your **mother Eunice,**
and I am sure that *it is* **in you as well.** (II Timothy 3b-5)

F. ***Tryphaena*** and ***Tryphosa***—Greek - "delicate" "luxurious"

Greet **Tryphaena** and **Tryphosa**, **workers** in **the Lord**. (Romans 16:12a)

G. ***Rufus' mother***

Greet **Rufus**, a **choice man** in **the Lord**,
also **his mother** and **mine.** (Romans 16:13)

H. **"Mature*" women* believers** (in general)

Older women likewise are to be ***reverent*** in their **behavior,**
not malicious **gossips** nor **enslaved** to **much wine**,
teaching what is **good**, so that they may ***encourage*** the **young women**

to **love their husbands**, to **love their children**, *to be* **sensible**,
pure, workers at home, **kind,** being **subject** to their **own husbands**,
so that the **word of God** will ***not*** be **dishonored**. (Titus 2:3-5)

Paul's Important yet ***"little known"*** **Women** in his **Ministry**—a **Summary**

A. ***Lydia***→ **business** woman, **God** fearing, **faithful**, **hospitable**

And when **she** and **her household** had been **baptized**,
she **urged us**, saying, "If you have judged me to be ***faithful*** to the **Lord**,
come into my house and **stay**." And **she prevailed upon us**. (Acts 16:15)

B. ***Priscilla***→ tentmaker, **fellow worker** in **Messiah**, **courageous**, **praised** by **Paul** and the **churches** (Acts 18:1-3) (Romans 16:3-5a)

C. ***Phoebe***→ a **servant** of the **church, worthy** of being **received** as a ***saint***—to be **helped** in any way, as **she** has **"helped many"** including **Paul** (Romans 16:1-2)

D. ***Euodia and Syntyche***→ not in **"harmony"** with **one another**—needing **help**, having **"struggled"** along with **Paul** in the ***cause*** of the **gospel**, a **fellow worker** (Philippians 4:1-3)

E. ***Lois and Eunice***→ both women of **sincere faith**, **faithful grandmother** and **mother** who raised young **Timothy, Paul's "son,"** and **co-laborer** in the **Lord** (II Timothy 1:2-5)

F. ***Tryphaena and Tryphosa***→ **workers** in **the Lord** (Romans 16:12a)

G. ***Rufus' mother***→ **Paul's "*spiritual* mother"**

Greet **Rufus**, a ***choice*** **man** in **the Lord**,
also **his mother** and **mine.** (Romans 16:13)

H. ***Mature women*** **believers**→ who **Paul admonishes** to be **godly** ***examples*** and ***teachers*** for the **younger women**

Closing "Quiz"

14 Quotes from **Women** in the **Bible** ***Who*** said it?

1. "**Blessed** *is* **she** who **believed,..**"→_____

2. And_____**prayed** and said: "My heart **rejoices** in **the Lord**;.."

3. "My **soul magnifies the Lord**" → _____

4. "Have **I** also **seen Him** who **sees me**?"→_____

5. "Do ***not*** hinder me, since **the Lord** has **prospered my way**"

   →_____

6. She answered, "Give me **a *blessing***; since you have given me **land**..,give me also **springs of water**."→_____

7. "If I **perish**, I **perish**"→_____

8. And **she conceived again** and bore **a son**, and said, "Now I will **praise the Lord**." Therefore **she** called his name **Judah**.→_____

9."**God** has **taken away** my **reproach**."→_____

10. "**Village life** ceased, it ceased in **Israel**, until **I**,_____ **arose**, until **I arose** a **mother** in **Israel**."

11. "**God** has made me **laugh**,.."→_____

12. "**Yes, Lord**, I **believe** that **You** are the **Messiah**,"→

   → _____

13. "The **Lord your God**, **He *is* God** in **heaven** above and on **earth** beneath."→_____

14. "**Your people** *shall be* **my people**, and **your God**, **my God**."

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Closing Comments