

LadyLike: Living Biblically

You will see that the questions this study poses do not offer the answers. They are designed so that you land in the right zone without being pushed there. There are plenty of wrong answers that the devil, the world, and your flesh would put forward, but there are also a lot of right answers, depending upon your station and situation. Move forward with a firmer eye on Scripture than any other word out there, and you'll be set!

Each week a number of questions will be posted online in this format along with the readings for the week. Since this book is written as short essays, you will be reading or referring to some essays multiple times throughout this study. You may participate in online discussions if you would like on the Immanuel Women's Ministry Facebook Group. You can also email me your questions or thoughts at pmiller@immanuelseymour.com. Blessings on your study.

Week Eight

Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for our Pastors. Give them the true Spirit of wisdom and understanding so that they may continue to grow in grace and in the knowledge of Your love in Christ. Give them boldness to preach the Gospel and give them courage and strength to perform the tasks You have set before them. Protect them from the assaults of the Devil and keep watch over them and their families. Bless them with joy in their service, and may we always be a blessing and a help to them as they shepherd Your flock. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Reading: Read the essay on page 142; see also page 95.

Questions: A lot of Christians see too much in Mary, while many others don't appreciate how important she really is.

—What is Mary's place in how God saves His people?

—Why is it so easy to get Mary wrong?

Reading: Read the essay on page 152; see also pages 14, 34, 38, and 44

Questions: We have become accustomed to the idea that all jobs should be open to all people. But the office of pastor (like many jobs) is not open to some people.

—Does it bother you to belong to a church in which only men are pastors? Why or why not?

—What if we put the question another way: are you bothered by what the Bible says about who is to be a pastor (1 Timothy 2:12; 1 Corinthians 14:33–34; 1 Timothy 3:2)?

—How is being a pastor different from other jobs?

—What can women do to support their own pastors in teaching what Scripture says about pastors?

Prayers:

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Luther's Morning Prayer:

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Luther's Evening Prayer:

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.