

Women's Ministry

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WOMAN OF WORTH

"When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it!" (Matthew 13:46 NIV)

I am amazed at the way a pearl is formed. It is a product of pain and suffering. It is valuable, unique, and beautiful. Here is the way it is formed:

"A natural pearl begins its life as a foreign object, such as a parasite or piece of shell that accidentally lodges itself in an oyster's soft inner body where it cannot be expelled. To ease this irritant, the oyster's body takes defensive action. The oyster begins to secrete a smooth, hard crystalline substance around the irritant in order to protect itself. This substance is called "nacre." As long as the irritant remains within its body, the oyster will continue to secrete nacre around it, layer upon layer.

Over time, the irritant will be completely encased by the silky crystalline coatings. And the result, ultimately, is the lovely and lustrous gem called a pearl." (Source: <http://www.americanpearl.com/historyoyster.html>)

We read in Matthew 13:46 that a merchant went looking for fine pearls. When he found one, he sold everything he owned and bought it. He sold everything he owned! Jesus left all of his heavenly riches to look for us, to purchase us. We, like fine pearls, are of great worth to Him. This is one of the reasons why I enjoy women's ministry. It provides opportunities for leaders and their committees to find creative ways to help women realize how valuable they are and know they are women of worth! They are:

W - Wonderfully made! Created with a purpose for a purpose.

O - Offered the riches of heaven (forgiveness, peace, love, joy, strength, wisdom, etc.). Heaven's resources are limitless and are daily available.

R - Rescued. Rescued from sin. Rescued from worldly chains.

T - Treasured above all else.

H - Highly loved for He has inscribed our names on the palms of His hands. He is always thinking of us.

We are women of worth!

Here are some ideas on helping women realize their worth:

- Help them discover and develop their gifts and talents. Instill in them the realization that their gifts and talents are needed in this world.
- Teach them valuable skills. Here are a few examples: cooking, sewing, leadership, time management, public speaking, computer, etc.
- Let them know they are of great worth by taking time to pray with them, sending them encouraging cards, showing them God's great love for them through Bible studies, etc.

In what ways are you helping women know they are women of worth? Would love to hear your ideas! Please share via email diana@creativebox.org.