

**AWARENESS.SKILLS.KNOWLEDGE.**  
**Intergenerational Women's Ministry**  
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This month provides an overview of how her

**S**piritual Gifts

**P**ersonality (Presence/Perspective)

**E**xperiences (Positions/Protection)

**C**ares/Passions

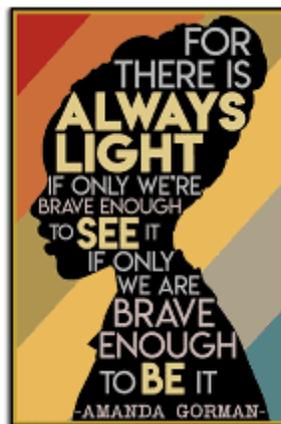
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contributes to her special God-given purpose; equipping her to **minister to all God's children.**



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**All Women of the Bible by Herbert Lockyer – The Elect Lady**  
**Pages 257-259**

## AWARENESS

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To the chosen lady and her children whom I love in truth...

2 John 1 (NIV)

### Elect/Chosen Lady

- The word “elect” means chosen, as in “chosen by God”.
- Unnamed but had a close relationship with John.
- Is he writing to the church or a real person?

But the lady of 2 John is called “the elect” not because she was Jewish (we don’t know her ethnic background) but because she was part of the church. The universal Church is comprised of all people who believe that Jesus Christ is the Savior who died on the cross to bear the guilt and pay the penalty of their sin and who conquered death at His resurrection. The universal Church came into existence on the Day of Pentecost ([Acts 2](#)) and will be taken from the earth at the rapture ([1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#)). The Bible clearly teaches that the church is elect—i.e., they are chosen by God “before the foundation of the world” ([Ephesians 1:4](#); cf. [Revelation 13:8](#)).

John calls the lady in 2 John “the elect” because she believed in Jesus Christ and was therefore saved; she was a member of the universal Church. Some interpreters see the lady not as an individual but as a symbol of the church as a whole or of a local body of believers. But that interpretation makes it difficult to explain who her “children” are. It is better to view this lady as an unnamed friend of John who had actual children who were serving the Lord.

(Source: [GotQuestions.org](#))

### She Was A Lady

- Ladies is not an unscriptural term.
- It is a word implying a higher grade of a woman – one possessing more dignity than others.
- Ladies mean “princesses”.

### She Was An Elect Lady

- Not only was the lady elect – being of excellent character - but so were her children.
- Was most likely a convert of John’s ministry.

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**She Was A Hospitable Lady**

- No mention of a husband so she probably was a rich widow with means to care for the saints of God who came her way.
  - John expressed hope that he might have the joy of visiting with her again.
  - It was because of her hospitality that John forewarns her about welcoming false teachers.
- Although Mary was a woman of high standing and comfortable circumstances she suffered from the

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**She Was An Exemplary Lady**

- She radiated an inner peace as one in Christ and also a sweet influence upon those around her.
- Her children following her faith, walked in the truth and because of this were praised by John.

**She Was A Privileged Lady**

- She had the veteran apostle as her guide in spiritual matters, not only instructions but also warnings.
- She was safe guarded against the perils of the deceivers who were guilty in both heart and life. Their wrong thinking resulted in wrong living and thus their whole influence was anti-Christian.
- She was urged, and her children to guard themselves by taking care not to lose what they already possessed – stability and firmness in the truth and the inner peace passing all understanding, the overcomers reward.
- She was told as a sincere Christian she was not to stretch out the hand of fellowship to the deceivers or entertain them in her home. To accommodate those who deprave the doctrine of Christ injures our own orthodox witness.
- The ground for the Apostle love for the lady and her children was that they cleave to the truth.
- There is confidence that the elect lady valued the spiritual advice of her aged friend and teacher and followed his practical counsel of keeping to Christ by keeping close to His truth.

Reflection: How do we identify with the elect lady?

**NEXT MONTH: JEPHTHAH'S DAUGHTER (PAGES 182-185)**

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**SKILL**

**Step One: Pray**

*“But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness ....”* Matthew 6:33a

What is ministry to you? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your definition communicate your individual core value/s, what you believe in as a woman of God, as part of the body of Christ? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Maybe

Does your definition help you establish priorities and stewardship of the resources God has provided and will provide for you? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Maybe

Is your definition of ministry \_\_\_ “you” centered, \_\_\_ “other” centered, \_\_\_ God centered?

Roots (Values):

- Faith In The Word of God
- Community
- Love
- Honor
- Dignity
- Perseverance
- Hope
- Service
- Trust
- Education
- Responsibility
- Accountability
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
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- Other \_\_\_\_\_



Prayer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear (insert your name) \_\_\_\_\_;

Today I engaged in a conversation on values and what that means as God moves me from where I am to where He wants me to be. Because of what I heard, shared, learned, witnessed, thought about, I want to remember most

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Blessings Overflow,

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