

Job 2:9

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast to your integrity? Curse God and die!"

Now this is a wife I wish I had, NOT!

But maybe you are the wife of someone who has been called into a ministry. Remember that a ministry is not always being a pastor, because there are several different types of ministries talked about throughout the bible. Think of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Remember that all those gifts are a ministry.

1 Cor 12:7 *But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all.*

So the question for you as a wife is, are you supporting your husband in what the Lord has called him to do, or are you putting him down, just like Job's wife was? For me, I know my wife supports me 100% in the things that the Lord has given me to do.

Maybe it's the opposite and it could be your wife has been called into a ministry, are you supporting her as well, or do you act like a nagging old wife like Job's wife? For me again, I support my wife 100% in her ministries also.

Or it could be that you are not married but you do know someone who has been called into a ministry, maybe your brother or sister, mom, or dad, or even a good friend, how are you supporting him or her?

So why should we support them?

First off, because God has called them, whether we accept it or not.

Second is that God will bless our spouse's, and we will also take part in those blessings as well.

An example is with Job, as we read of how God blessed him in the end, and we seem to forget that his wife received the blessings from God as well.

† **Job 42:12-13** *Now the LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; for he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, one thousand yoke of oxen, and one thousand female donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters.*

It was tough for a while for Job, and it was tough for his wife too. But as they stayed true to the Lord and His calling, everything worked out, and it will for you as well.

† **Hebrews 10:24-25 (NLT2)** Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. (underlined for emphasis)

Also remember that when we encourage and pray and support others in the ministry that God has given them, we get part of the reward as well.

† **1 Corinthians 3:6-9** *I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building.*

So, who do you know that God has blessed with a ministry that you need to start supporting now? Your spouse, family member, friend, or someone in the church or out in the mission field? Take part with them in that ministry, simply by supporting them in prayer, encouragement and sometimes financially if needed.

† **3 John 1:8 (NLT2)** *So we ourselves should support them so that we can be their partners as they teach the truth.*