



Being A Financial Aid During Tough Times: Remembering Our Foremother Anna

It's safe to say most of us are aware of the times that we are living in concerning finances. The price of nearly everything has gone up and funds don't go as far as they used to. With that understanding, how should we as wives respond? What ways are we embodying the attributes of our foremother Anna in assisting our lords? Are we being proactive rather than reactive?

Romans 15:4 (KJV) For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

Our foremother Anna would be considered a Proverbs 31 woman, and we have the example of how a Proverbs 31 woman should conduct herself.

Some of us may not clock into a job daily, which could possibly cause us to feel inadequate about how we are able to contribute to the needs in our lords' homes. In reality it's the smaller things that you could be doing everyday that ultimately add up to being that aid.

Below are a few ways to assist you with being more of an aid or rather a helpmeet to your lords' home in these times:

1. Work an actual 9-5 job and/or establish a small business.

Proverbs 31:13 (KJV) She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

Some of us have to have a job in order to assist where needed, or attain the necessary traits to have our own business.

2. Pantry shop and have specific stores for specific items.

Proverbs 31:14 (KJV) She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.

Not everyone will be able to work a 9-5 considering children and other factors. When that is the case we have to look into other ways of being a financial aid. Being frugal when grocery shopping is a way to aid your lord's house. In order to keep more funds in the house you might have to do a little traveling for the quality as well as the price of groceries.

3. Couponing, Budgeting, and Gardening

Proverbs 31:16 (KJV) She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

The meaning of considereth, is to think seriously, maturely or carefully; to reflect. This thought process should take place prior to spending any money that comes from your lord's home. We



can't spend funds frivolously just because we feel like we have it. We have to be considerate with every dollar and purchase the necessary items .

Gardening is another way to elucidate some of the financial burden. With a garden some of the funds you would typically purchasing produce won't be necessary anymore, you may be able to allocate it towards another essential or to savings.

Those are just a few ways we can practice being a financial aid.

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Interview Question: What's your story on embodying Anna and contributing to your lord's home?

My lord and I have been married for 14 years. He was the primary provider in the marriage. At that time I was not working because he wanted me to stay home and tend to our children and do housework. I knew very little about his health; I was aware he had asthma but I didn't know the extent of his condition and symptoms.

Fast forward to my contribution to my lord's house. We came into the truth towards the end of November 2016. At this time, I still didn't know what was about to take place as far as my lord's health conditions, it all happened really quickly. He recently had a stroke and his left side needs physical therapy so he can regain his strength. My lord was having random blackouts and he still has many mini strokes to the brain and his eyesight has worsened daily. He constantly has migraines and these migraines are what contribute to the blackouts which cause the mini strokes.

I was scared, what do I do in a situation like that? Who can I reach out to help me with my lord's needs? I heard about the book of Tobit and how Anna was put in a position similar to mine, where she had to help contribute to the house and her lord's needs. When I heard the history and how she went out to get women's work. I immediately thought this is "ME."

Assisting my lord consists of tending to and maintaining our financial and physical well being. One of our daughter's skin began to break out, so my lord suggested I start making our own laundry detergent. I started making homemade detergent back in 2017; which led me to ask my lord if I could start my business making natural products. He gave his okay and I went to leadership and asked for permission to start selling to those in the body to help my lord's house. At that point my lord was on a fixed income and it was the only income paying all the bills and we were left with a little to get through the month. After I began my business I saw what I could do to help my lord, whether it was paying a bill or two or being able to contribute a little more towards groceries for the house. Whatever he needed I would help him get it. As we grew in the truth and in the body I was able to get placed in offices and put in work for the Most High as well. One thing about my lord is he will not stop me from doing the Lord's work. Like Anna, I too have to work ten times harder for my lord as he is not able to do a lot of physical work. I am his



messenger, his eyes, his voice, his walker, etc. I am here to assist my lord and the children help me by helping around the house and making sure it is clean every day and sometimes they cook when I'm not able to do so.

Contributing to my lord's house is not a light thing. I have to make sure that I'm in the spirit at all times even when I'm not. Caring for my lord is what the Most High chose me to do. Again, me going ten times harder for my lord by putting in my bricks is a lot of work but not once do I complain because I enjoy being able to help my lord and help the body.

Ecclesiasticus 26:3 (KJV Apocrypha) A good wife is a good portion, which shall be given in the portion of them that fear the Lord.

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