

# PHILIPPIANS Lesson 43

## Chapter 4, verse 3: A True Yokefellow, Women Laboring in the Gospel

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### TRUE YOKEFELLOW

A yoke enables two individuals to work together as one. It ensures that they go in the same direction.

- This speaks of the grand spiritual nature of the Church.
  - Two Christians don't have to be in the same location to labor together with a mutual purpose for the same Savior.

A yoke makes two individuals dependent upon one another to reach their goals or accomplish a work for the Lord.

- If one is reluctant to do their part of the work, it will hinder and harm the other.
- When we labor together as one, we will be a blessing to the others who labor together with us.
- When we are self-centered, thinking we don't need anybody else in the work, we hinder the others who are trying to serve the Lord, and we make their efforts less effective.

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### WOMEN WHO LABOR IN THE GOSPEL

WHEREVER THE GOSPEL HAS BEEN INTRODUCED AND RECEIVED, PEOPLE TREAT ONE ANOTHER BETTER.

- In countries where the gospel has had an influence, women enjoy freedom, liberty, and safety.
  - This results in more women than men getting saved and becoming faithful to the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - Christ teaches men how to treat women with love, kindness, respect, charity, and decency.

THE PASSING OF TIME MAKES PEOPLE FORGET AND LOSE THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE LORD.

- They don't love, respect, and devote themselves to the Lord Jesus Christ like they once did.
- The freedom Jesus Christ gave them is now taken for granted. People cease to praise and thank the Lord. This makes it easier to disobey the Lord and disregard His commands.

**"...help those women which laboured with me in the gospel..."**

- Women are thankful for their liberty and freedom which the Lord provided by influencing the men.
    - These are women who gladly serve the Lord and publicly worship Him, doing exactly what He says in His word.
  - The passing of time makes women forget where their freedom came from. They are no longer afraid to sin against the Lord who provided them their freedom.
    - They divorce their husbands, not fearing the Lord who forbids it.
    - They abort their babies, ignoring the God who says, "Thou shalt not kill."
    - They become deacons and pastors, not caring what the Lord says about the bishops and deacons being the husbands of one wife. (1 Timothy 3:2, 11; Titus 1:6)
    - They now use their liberty to violate the clear teachings of God.
  - We need to do what the Lord told us to do—the WAY He told us to do it, in accord with the clear teaching of His word.
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