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Who is She?

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She is herself. If she's pressed into a mold to be someone she is not, the burden is unbearable. Allow her to be herself, with her own unique personality and talents.

She is human. She occasionally makes mistakes. Allow her to be human, too. We all have imperfections. We want, or expect, people to make allowances for our blunders. *"Whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them..."* (Matthew 7:12).

She is your sister, not an outsider. She regards brothers and sisters in Christ as treasures. She draws strength from her family, the family of God. Continue to let her draw from your faith, compassion, and wisdom.

She is a confidante. She always has a listening ear, ever ready to hear someone's gladness, grief, anger, or disappointment. Remember that she, too, may experience those emotions. She may need a listening ear, someone that will safely keep her confidences.

She is a giver. She will give, and give, and give, and give...and if she's not careful, her own cup will become empty. Allow her to have needed study time, family time, and down time.

She is a dedicated wife and mother. She is her husband's biggest fan and her children's greatest ally. She takes it personally when someone criticizes them. She beams with joy when they are complimented or admired.

Accept her unique qualities and talents. Have a forgiving heart when she stumbles. Regard her as close family. Appreciate the times she patiently listens to you. Value the unique way she gives to others. Recognize the good in her husband and children. Accept. Regard. Appreciate. Value. Let her know that you esteem her highly. Give her kind words, hugs, and a pat on the back.

Who is she? She is the preacher's wife.

Today's Verse: *"Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another"* (Romans 12:10).

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