



Women At Work For The Lord Devotion

So I saw that there is nothing better than that a man should rejoice in his work, for that is his lot. (Ecclesiastes 3: 22a).

Sing: "Take My Life and Let it Be," verses 1, 5, and 6. LSB 784, TLH 400, LW 404

I always knew I wanted to be a nurse, plain and simple. From the time I accompanied my mother to the doctor's office where she received her allergy shots, I was thrilled with the prospect of being a nurse. From the ripe old age of four years, I loved the smell of the alcohol and everything connected with it.

So it was definitely no surprise when I chose that profession, anxious to serve with other women on a daily basis. My nursing school consisted of all females. My best friends were my nursing classmates. We were in each other's weddings. When it came time to graduate and go to work, I worked with nearly all females. We were required to go to chapel three times a week, and that meant getting up 30 minutes early to attend a 20-minute chapel service where we listened to God's Word and sang His praises. We did all this before breakfast and our workday, which began at 6:45 a.m. Through all this, God was setting in place the path of my life.

You won't be surprised when I assure you that I was quietly schooled during all those formative years of working with women. I became comfortable with all the quirks and blessings of various females, and soon learned how to manage, lead, and set the pace with my female counterparts! I loved to go to work, and did so on at least a part-time basis for all my working years. It was a way to help support my husband-farmer, and helped to pay the bills.

God worked through my years of nursing to prepare me for the privilege and responsibilities of working with the women of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Only now I had over 250,000 women to lead, work with, and enjoy! What a blessing all those formative years were for this experience in my life.

During the years of being your president, I continued to work within the nursing profession, at least on a part-time basis. It was a wonderful way to witness, grow, and allow my mind to think of something else other than LWML! It was necessary for keeping my head on straight. God continued to use my work in the nursing profession to help me relate to all our working women within the organization. Yes, once in a while, my involvement in LWML would pose a problem in my workplace, but 99% of the time, it was a blessing. No one ever questioned why I had a Mite Box on my desk or a nativity scene front and center during Advent.

Whatever your chosen profession is, enjoy the privilege. Do it to the best of your ability. Seek to be the best, and always *serve the Lord with gladness!* (Psalm 100:2a)

Prayer: Dear Lord, bless all the women of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Be with them as they serve You both through the LWML and in their professions. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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