

## **THIS IS ONEIDA GOD'S GOOD WOMEN**

I may not be the sharpest knife in the drawer, and I might be about as dull as a butter knife. However, I am sharp enough to know that the best thing this side of heaven to ever happen to me is my wife, Angie. Long before our courtship and long before Angie and I ever married, my mother told me she knew Angie would always be willing to follow me wherever I believed the Lord wanted us to serve Him. Most anything good that has happened in my ministerial career has most assuredly had Angie's fingerprints all over it. The best example of that would be our own three children. There is no greater calling or ministry for any lady who has children than the calling to be a Godly mother. All things good about my children should be credited to Angie and anything not so good would be a reflection of their dad.

Every married man worth his salt would tell you he could not do what he does without the help of the suitable mate the Lord provided him. The Lord certainly knows what He is doing when He brings together a husband and wife who seek to serve Him. Fruitful ministry, just like fruitful marriage, takes a team effort. There will be bumps in the road in both, but it is a strong connection to God and His word that carries us through to completion.

I recently had the privilege of attending and doing some seminars at the annual Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) meeting. It was amazing to see and hear about the wonderful work and programs being executed by the great Christian ladies of our state. I told those ladies that I have met some great men across this state who probably think they are the ones getting the Lord's work done in Kentucky and beyond, and that I was thankful I had been able to spend the weekend at the conference because I finally learned the truth. The Baptist women of Kentucky are doing great things in the state of Kentucky, in our nation, and across the world. The Baptist men are also doing great work, and when you combine the two groups it is amazing to see what the Lord is using Kentucky Baptists to do for His kingdom.

I can hope and pray the young ladies now attending Oneida will one day be the Christian lady my wife is and that they will one day do amazing things for the Lord like the Kentucky WMU women are doing. I can also do everything within my power, with Angie's assistance and love, to put our faculty and staff in a position to execute programs that will touch the hearts of our young ladies so that they one day will serve the Lord whole-heartedly. Perhaps one day some of our current students will be thriving Kentucky Baptist women and will be key players in God's work.

I enjoy meeting and re-connecting with former Oneida students and hearing what they are doing with their lives, especially when they are living a life of service for Jesus Christ. Thank you for providing the prayers, support, and resources necessary so that we can continue to touch the lives of young men and women and direct them toward a life to be lived for Christ and others.



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