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Unique qualities of women

- The qualities of women permeate every sphere of life (home, at church, in the community, at work) and every level of society.
- The qualities of women are as important and unique in society as is sugar to the cake and salt to meat.
- Women are unique biologically, emotionally and socially and my presentation will demonstrate this uniqueness which women must celebrate

1. Biologically women are unique

Woman, the fairest of all creation

- Creation was complete (Well almost!)
- God had been busy for 6 days creating His beautiful new world
- Now the stage was set
- God's magnificent scenery stood finished and in place
- His son, moon and stars lighted up His perfect planet
- All creatures great and small enjoyed a perfect environment
- Yet all the universe stood at attention, awaiting God's final creations
- At last God presented His masterpieces to the rest of nature (He saved the best for last)
- First the man Adam, formed by God from the dust of the ground (Gen 2:7)
- Then – finally and dramatically – the woman Eve, made from one of Adam's ribs and presented by God to Adam as bone of his bones and flesh of his flesh (21-22)
- Woman was God's last, most beautiful creation
- It was only after God presented woman that He proclaimed His creation was "very good" (Gen 1:31)
- God blessed the womb of the woman to descend the human race
- God used the womb of the woman, untouched by man, to cradle and bring forth the Savior of the world

Tender

- God made us soft yet tough
- Tears are our way of expressing joy, sorrow, pain, disappointment, love, loneliness, grief and pride.
- We can endure the worst

- We can accomplish the best amidst terrible situation
- We can bear hardships and carry burdens,
- We can think, reason and negotiate the most complex situations

2. Emotionally women are unique

Women are emotional giants

Passionate

- We bear hardships and carry burdens, but we hold happiness, love and joy.
- We smile when we want to scream.
- We sing when we want to cry.
- We cry when we are happy
- We laugh when we are nervous.
- We cry when our children excel and cheer when our friends get awards.
- We drive, fly, walk, run or e-mail you to show how much we care about you.
- We bring joy, hope and love
- We give moral support to family and friends.
- We have vital things to say and everything to give.
- Our heart breaks when a friend dies.
- We grieve at the loss of a family member, yet we are strong when we think there is no strength left.
- We love unconditionally.
- We have a kiss that can cure anything from a scraped knee to a broken heart

Women are more sympathetic and empathetic

- Women are generally able to put aside their concerns to listen to (and appear to listen to) those around them.
- As a result, they come to know what is going on, and know what is both said, and said between the lines.
- They have the knack of appearing to know what people need even if those needs are not expressed directly.
- They genuinely understand and care about where others are coming from....so that the people they are leading feel more understood, supported and valued.
- They can read situations accurately and take information in from all sides....These women leaders are able to bring others around to their point of view....

3. Socially women are unique

Women are social giants!

Women nurture others

- They not only develop themselves but also facilitate the development of others.
- They developed this attribute through raising own children, looking after siblings.
- Nurturance and doing good for others are today not only sought after but also indeed needed to make a difference in the world

Women are great motivators

- Women are very good at empowering others to develop their strengths be it at home, at work, at school, at church, in the community, etc.
- They ignite talent, stimulate energy and drive for self improvement in others
- They create conditions in which others can be motivated and achieve their full potential.
- They recognize, value, develop and use strengths and talents of others
- They build trust and confidence – mentoring, role modeling, etc

Women have great interpersonal skills - great team players, great communicators

- Women are stronger in interpersonal skills
- They have an inclusive team building spirit
- They create an atmosphere of mutual trust and respect
- They recognize their weaknesses and seek to multiply their limited strengths with the strengths of others.
- They use the unique traits that they use to keep families together, to organize volunteers to unite and make change in the shared life of communities
- Women are good at motivating their team mates for good work and maintaining healthy environment.

Women are more assertive and persuasive

- They have the ability to sell their visions;
- They have the determination to turn challenges into opportunities;
- They have a stronger need to get things done
- They are more willing to take risks

Women can work under pressure far better

- We have a lap that can hold four children at one time
- This month, we are celebrating, yet a group of women, who over and above all their chores, marched to the Union Building decades ago, to fight for the rights of women

4. Conclusion

- All these qualities make women indispensable in all spheres of life, be it at home, at work, at church, in the community
- The biggest flaw women have is that they forget their worth
- Two out of three women have low self esteem
- They have a not good enough syndrome
- Be reminded that you are valuable
- No one can speak with your voice, smile your smile
- You don't have to justify it, fight for it, prove it – it is just that way! It is an undisputable fact!
- You don't have to work for it or earn it – your value and your worth is a free gift that no money can buy!
- No need for a “not so good enough syndrome”
- You are a masterpiece which cannot be found anywhere!

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