

## Greenforest Community Baptist Church

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### Teaching on Tuesdays (12/1/20)

*"It Is Worth The Wait"*

#### I. Luke 2:36-38

36) And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity;

37) And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.

38) And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

#### II. What do we know about Anna?

1. Prophetess (v.36)
2. Daughter of Phanuel (v.36)
3. Tribe of Aser/Asher (v.36)
4. Seasoned in age (v.36)
5. Married for 7 years (v.36)
6. Widow until 84 years (v.37)
7. Never left the temple (v.37)
8. Worshipped day & night (v.37)
9. Fasting & praying (v.37)
10. Give thanks to God (v.38)
11. Spoke about Jesus (v.38)

#### III. What can we learn from Anna?

1. Prophetess – Discover and operate in your God assigned calling & purpose.
2. Daughter of Phanuel – Recognize & remember the family that reared you.
3. Tribe of Asher – Honor the legacy that has been left to you and leave your own legacy.
4. Seasoned in age – Grow in wisdom and grow in Christ, and not just chronologically.
5. Married for 7 years – Enjoy the close relationships that God allows you have with others.
6. Widow until 84 years – Know that God will help you to overcome life's adversities.
7. Never left the temple – Delight in being in the presence of the Lord & in the house of God.
8. Worshipped day & night – Lay prostrate before God & submit to the Lord without ceasing.
9. Fasting & praying – Develop the holy habit of fasting and praying, it makes all the difference.
10. Give thanks to God – Engage in "thanksgiving" by verbally, vocally, & visibly thanking God.
11. Spoke about Jesus – Unashamedly evangelize, witness, & testify about who Jesus is.

#### IV. Questions

1. Do you know what your God assigned calling & purpose is?
2. What do you appreciate most about the family that raised you?
3. Over this past year, have you grown in wisdom and in Christ?
4. Do underappreciate the relationships that God has allowed you to have with others?
5. How has God helped you overcome life's adversities?
6. Do you delight in being in the presence of the Lord & in the house of God?
7. How often do you lay prostrate before God & submit to the Lord?
8. Have you developed the holy habit of fasting and praying?
9. Do you engage in "thanksgiving" by verbally, vocally, & visibly thanking God?
10. Do you unashamedly evangelize, witness, & testify to others about who Jesus is?