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*Summary*

As we enter into the study of Biblical Womanhood, we face what might seem like an obvious question: What do I think about the Bible? Do I accept it as Truth? A few of us (fewer than you might imagine) would answer, "I absolutely believe the Bible is True, without question, and I always try to apply whatever I learn from it." Most of us, if we're honest, would answer more like this: "I believe the Bible...as long as it makes sense to me," or "I assume the Bible is flawed...but I'm willing to listen." To you we say, "Welcome! We look forward to our time together with you." We believe that if you do listen (even to ideas you aren't sure you agree with), eventually biblical wisdom *will* make sense. And we believe that, over time, you will discover that (even on those issues you weren't so sure about) the Bible is trustworthy. But for now, we ask you to keep that open mind. Don't be afraid of hearing something you disagree with. Allow for the possibility that not everything you *think* is *true*. Consider this: How do you know if you are deceived? By definition, you don't. Until someone shows you the truth, you remain deceived.

The bad news is that, according to the Bible, deception is one of Satan's primary strategies for destroying women. Knowing that we are highly motivated to do the right thing, his plan is simple--get us to *believe* the wrong things. Then, we will *do* the wrong things, even unintentionally destructive things, all the while believing they are *right!* The good news is that, when our thinking is RIGHT, we can be powerful forces for GOOD in the world, in our society, and in our relationships. What about you? How's your thinking? How do you know? Spend some time considering that this week.

