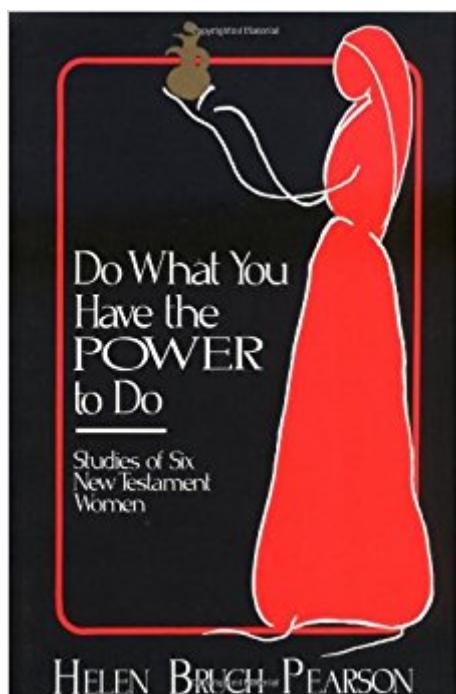


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# Do What You Have The Power To Do: Studies Of Six New Testament Women



## **Synopsis**

This Bible study, based on New Testament encounters between Jesus and six women, invites Christian women to develop and invest their gifts and talents to move church and society closer to the community envisioned by Jesus.

## **Book Information**

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Helen Bruch Pearson is a retreat, workshop and seminar leader, spiritual formation director, designer and leader of worship and liturgical events. Helen served on the faculty and administration of Candler School of Theology at Emory University from 1981-99 and is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ.

This is an excellent study for those who are open to hearing the stories of 6 New Testament women in a new way. Counter-cultural and relevant, this opens up a new way to think about justice, not just for women, but for all people.

Great book. Author exhibits great insights presented in a very readable manner. Designed for individual reader or group study. Book arrived fast and in perfect condition!

The women in my Bible Study Class enjoy reading this book.

I have used this as a book study in many churches. It is powerful for women's and/or grief support groups.

The process was very easy and everyone responded quickly with the books I purchased. I unknowingly purchased two more books than I needed. The purchase just gave the amount, and did not tell me it included more than one book. That part was very unclear.

I have used "Do What You Have The Power To Do", a number of times as small group bible studies. It convinces the student that indeed, Jesus did love women. It causes a thirst for more knowledge about the bible and serves as a primer for healthy feminist thinking. I haven't found a better tool for my own study or for my leading of others. It is important for some to learn within the context of the faith. Clearly, Helen Pearson believes the scriptures but is perceptive about our need to see ourselves as women. If you, as I have, felt patronized when hearing how Jesus loved women, this book makes that belief powerful. It truly gives power to women and anyone one who reads it. Women often fear and shy away from power. Power has been angry and divisive. If that is to be avoided, this book shows another way to power. Pearson does not limit her study to the New Testament. She takes us all over the bible and creates a desire to know more. This technique gives power in itself. It makes the statement that we are learners and we feel empowered to learn. We come to know 6 New Testament women very well and long to know others. I recommend this book to everyone. It can be used as it is written as a total study and meditative tool, it can be divided and applied to short studies, or it could be used for individual study. You'll want to keep it on your desk for reference. Just read it. It will change your life. I beg Helen Bruch Pearson to write another book for us. Soon.

This writer needs a good editor! Although it took will power to wade through the many repetitions, I enjoyed and have benefitted from being reminded of the stories of these women whom Jesus affected and who affected him -- a point the writer makes convincingly.

This book was used for a discussion group of over 15 women. We took turns presenting chapters. I felt the author did an outstanding job focusing in on specific topics.

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