

**THE CLASH BETWEEN SOCIALISATION OF WOMEN
IN BULAWAYO AND BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES.**

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ABSTRACT

I studied on the clash between biblical principles and cultural socialisation of women, because I wanted to find out the challenges faced by women in the church as a result of the clash so that the church leadership can address the issues biblically thereby helping women to live lives that honour the Lord. A qualitative method was used and following approaches were used: narrative, grounded theory phenomenology: in this study. Questionnaires were used to collect data. The research tools such as; interviews: one-on-one conversations. Focus groups: asking questions to a group of people and surveys were questionnaires with open-ended questions were used. The findings reveal the following from the objectives of the study: that women in Bulawayo are affected by bad local societal cultures instead of biblical principles. The church must do its best to help. The findings of this study are presented in the order of the objectives that guided the study which are: to find out why born-again women are affected by bad societal cultures instead of biblical principles, to find out why the church is failing to socialise women in line with biblical principles, and to suggest possible solutions to help women and men living in a society governed by bad cultural norms. The findings may be used by church leaders to help women to live biblical womanhood lives. There also recommendations which the church leadership must have ample time to teach women biblical principles. The church must have awareness campaigns for women in biblical principles over cultural socialisation, and also to suggest possible solutions like encouraging women to live lives of worshipping to God, and seminars to reach out to everyone, and also to employ modern/new ways of teaching.

Key Words: Socialisation of women, Biblical principles, Cultural socialisation, clash between women and cultural norms, biblical womanhood and church leadership.