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To my beautiful and gracious daughter,
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as you have done in your daddy's and mine.



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Gayla M. Baughman
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Foreword

At Oklahoma Camp Meeting 2000, Gayla Baughman shared with me her thoughts on writing a book, *Social Graces: A Guide for the Pentecostal Woman*. As she began relating her ideas, I was thrilled. Christian women want to portray Christ in all aspects of their lives, and behaving in the correct manner always reflects a favorable image. I have longed for a book written especially for Pentecostal women to give us guidance for manners and behavior during all types of circumstances we may encounter.

Gayla draws from her six years of teaching experience at Christian Life College. You'll soon see the hours of research and study that have gone into her teaching and writing. She covers the correct behavior for almost any situation, from the most formal wedding to entertaining family in your home. There are special sections for the young minister's wife as well as for a layman's wife. You'll learn just how to answer important phone calls and write a special note or e-mail.

"A wise teacher makes learning a joy," and Gayla has certainly done that. Her writing flows and is easy to read, full of personal examples that help you understand fully what is appropriate.

As Gayla states, "Loving others and serving them are vital to the kingdom of God. God commanded us to care and nurture others as we do ourselves." Read this book and learn how to care for others as well as yourself. I predict this will be your bible for hospitality and entertaining. You will find yourself referring to it often. Read and enjoy!

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