

A GODLY MOTHER

Int.

1. Aim: To show the importance of and characteristics of a Godly Mother.
2. Prov. 31:10 Virtuous = one of moral goodness, fine manners and culture
3. Tit. 2:12 - godly = we should live godly lives in this present world
 - a. Discharge our duties to God
 - b. Do that which is well pleasing to God
 - c. Devout, pious, sincere
4. All mothers are not godly mothers - Jezebel is an example
 - a. Prov. 14:1
 - b. Any woman can wreck a home
 - c. But it takes a wise woman to build a happy home
5. Proverbs have been attached to the importance of motherhood.
 - a. The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world.
 - b. An ounce of mother is worth a pound of preachers.
 - c. "As is the mother, so is her daughter" (Ezekiel 16:44).
 - d. There is much more to motherhood than biological reproduction.
 - e. Any woman who has no physiological abnormalities can have children, but not just anyone can be a mother as God defines in his word.
6. Ezek. 16:44 "As is the mother, so is her daughter"
 - a. Jezebel > Athaliah > Ahaziah [son]
 - b. Lois > Eunice > Timothy
7. What are the characteristics of a godly mother ?

Discussion

I. M = MANAGERS - GODLY MOTHERS ARE MANAGERS OF THE HOME.

- A. Prov. 31:27
- B. Note God's order in 1 Tim. 5:14 - marry, bear children, guide home.
 - 1. Keeping the home, not advancing a career, is her primary responsibility.
 - 2. Seek & find satisfaction, fulfillment, "yourself" in motherhood.
 - 3. After years of experimentation, selfish ambition, & career first attitudes, our society is slowly beginning to experience a "backlash" against surrogate motherhood.
- C. The "worthy woman" was an example of a domestic manager.
 - 1. An efficient manager of the home - vs. 21-22.
 - 2. Has her priorities in order. Even though she had pursuits outside of the home (v. 16, 24), her family comes first (vs. 15, 18 - comes before outside interests).
 - 3. Such a woman compliments her husband (v. 23) and contributes to a bright future for her family. (v. 25)

II. O = OBEDIENT GODLY MOTHERS ARE MODELS OF OBEDIENCE

- A. First The godly mother knows that obedience to God is necessary
 - 1. She has obeyed the gospel - become a Christian - II Thes. 1:8
 - 2. She continues to live a faithful christian life all the days of her life
 - 3. She walks in the light - 1 Jn. 1:7
- B. Second the godly mother is obedient to her own husband
 - 1. Tit. 2:5

2. 1 Pet. 3:1, 5-6
3. She knows that it does not make her inferior to be in subjection to her own husband

C. Mary is an example of an obedient mother

1. Before she was married God told her that she would have a son. She believed God and accepted her role in bringing Jesus into the world.
2. Her attitude was let it “...be unto me according to thy word.”
3. As the parents of Jesus her and Joseph went up to Jerusalem every year to the feast of the passover - Lk. 2:41
4. Godly mothers of today will be regular in their attendance at worship.

D. Obedient mothers will have obedient children

1. The example of obedience will go a long way in bringing up the child in the right way.
2. Timothy's mother and grandmother were obedient to God
3. George Washington's mother was asked, “How have you managed to rear such a splendid son?” She answered: “I taught him to obey”.
4. Jesus, the Son of God, was obedient
 - a. Heb. 5:8-9
 - b. Lk. 2:51
 - c. Jesus' mother was an example of obedience.

III. T = TEACHERS - A godly mother is a teacher of children and other women

- A. A godly mother wants to teach her children about how to develop fully
1. Lk 2:52 mental, physical, spiritual and social

2. The godly mother is not just concerned with the mind and body, but also the development of the soul.

B. Training children in the scriptures is important work for godly mothers

1. II Tim. 3:15
2. Timothy had been taught from a child by his mother Eunice and grandmother Lois

C. Teacher of other women

1. Tit. 2:4
2. This is a neglected area
3. Teach them:
 - a. How to keep house
 - b. How to rear children
 - c. How to love their husband and be obedient to him
 - d. To be sober
 - e. To be discreet and chaste

D. A Godly mother is a teacher of children and other women

IV. H = HOSPITALITY - A godly mother will be a woman of hospitality

A. Show hospitality

1. Heb. 13:2
2. Time for having guests - encouraging weak members, take time for baking and cooking to share with the neglected or sick

B. Mary, the mother of John Mark, is an example of hospitality

1. Preachers felt welcome in this home. - when Peter was released from prison during the night this was the house to which he went - Acts 12

2. Here was a home where others felt welcome
 3. This was a home that believed in prayer -even at night
- C. Elizabeth is an example of a woman of hospitality - Luke 1:43
1. She kept Mary for 3 months
 2. She was also expecting a baby - John the Baptist
 3. She was old enough to be the mother of Mary
- D. Godly mothers will practice hospitality
1. To their neighbors
 2. To the people of the church
 3. Friends of their children
- E. This will be good for her children

V. E = EXAMPLE A godly mother will be a good example

- A. She is a role model for her children
1. "As is the mother, so is her daughter" (Ezekiel 16:44).
 2. Children imitate what they see in their mother
- B. 1 Tim. 4:12 - mother also is to be an example in...
1. Word - speech and language -
 2. Manner of life
 3. Love
 4. Faith
 5. Purity
- C. Example = pattern for the children to follow

VI. R = REJOICES A godly mother will rejoice

A. A godly mother rejoices

1. In time to come - Prov. 31:25
2. She will rejoice here on earth
 - a. To see her children grow to useful maturity
 - b. What greater reward could a woman receive than to see her children grow up [mature] and obey the gospel, and make a worthwhile contribution to the church and society. ?
 - c. Prov. 31:28 her children shall rise up and call her blessed
3. She shall rejoice in judgment
 - a. If both she and her family are saved
 - b. On the day of judgment the things which will matter most are not beautiful clothes or a beautiful body, but a beautiful soul rejoicing in salvation

B. III John 4 "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

1. Spiritual application
2. True also with mother and her children

Conclusion

1. Seven questions for mothers to consider...
 - (1) Are you the kind of mother God would have you to be ?
 - (2) Are you the kind of mother your children need?
 - (3) Are your children happier when with you or when you are away?
 - (4) Are you a Christian mother?
 - (5) If you children grow up to become just like you, what kinds of adults will they be ?

(6) If Christ were to come back in the next five minutes where would you and your children stand in the judgment ?

(7) If the hand of death were to strike you today, what memories will linger with your children as they return from the sad trip to the silent city of the dead?

2. A godly mother is not a perfect woman

- a. God has never expected something impossible
- b. But the Godly mother is letting God guide her life by his word
- c. She is trying to do God's will

3. Are you a godly mother ?

- a. M = Manager of the home
- b. O = Obedient to God and her husband
- c. T = Teacher of children and other women
- d. H = Hospitality is practiced in your home
- e. E = Example to your children
- f. R = Rejoices now and in the future

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