

## The Mother in the Home

### The Christian Home - Pt.4

#### Int.

1. Aim: To discuss what the Bible teaches as the responsibilities for the mother.
2. The first mother was called "EVE" because she was the mother of all living. Gen. 3:20
3. God has chosen the wife of the home as the instrument through whom a new soul enters the world.
  - a. God gives us a bundle that weighs only a few pounds and in that bundle of new flesh is an immortal spirit that will live forever .
  - b. The child will grow into an adult and take it's place in the world and eternity.
  - c. How it turns out is largely decided by the way we as parents take care of and train the child.
4. The Bible has much to say about the responsibilities and the rewards of motherhood.
  - a. Pro. 31: 28-30 NKJV "Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her: 29 "Many daughters have done well, But you excel them all." 30 Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised."
  - b. Ps. 127:3 NKJV "Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward."
5. The role of the Mother is so vitally important in the proper training and upbringing of children.
  - a. "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world. " - John Gray
  - b. "All that I am, or can be, I owe to my angel mother. " - Abraham Lincoln
  - c. "The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom." - Henry Ward Beecher.

6. The Word "mother" or "mothers" appears almost 300 times in the Bible.
  - a. Six hundred students at a university were asked to write on a piece of paper the most beautiful word in the English language.
  - b. 422 wrote the word "mother. "
  - c. 112 wrote the word "home".
7. We will discuss what the Bible teaches about "The mother in the Home", by discussing the responsibilities and duties of the mother

## Discussion

### I. Marriage before Motherhood

#### A. God's plan

1. Courtship, marriage, physical relationship - and then parenthood
2. Many girls today become mothers before marriage and that is reversing God's order.
3. Heb. 13:4
4. I Tim. 5:14 "I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully. "

#### B. God's arrangement is that marriage precedes conception and birth of children.

1. Those who reverse God's order become illegitimate parents and often times the marriages do not last very long.
2. Remember God's plan is marriage before motherhood.
3. It is possible to be married and not be a mother, but it should never be the case that one is a mother and not married.

## II. FAITHFULNESS AS A WIFE

- A. A good mother cannot be a bad wife
  - 1. Parenthood cannot be separated from marriage.
  - 2. In being a good mother a wife must be faithful to her marriage vows.
  - 3. The idea that a wife can run out and be unfaithful to her husband and then be a good mother is absolutely false.
  - 4. Being an immoral wife makes it impossible to be a good wife.
  
- B. She will be a good wife
  - 1. She will render "the affection due" to her husband - I Cor. 7:3 NKJV
  - 2. "Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies. 11 The heart of her husband safely trusts her; So he will have no lack of gain. 12 She does him good and not evil All the days of her life." Pro. 31:10-12
    - a. Virtuous woman
    - b. Her husband trusts her
    - c. She will do him good not evil.
  - 3. A marvelous mother is also a wonderful and virtuous wife. They come wrapped in the same package.
  - 4. A good mother will be faithful to her husband.

### III. A GOOD WOMAN

#### A. Mary "found favor with God"

1. Luke 1:28-30 "And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. 29 And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. 30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God."
2. God was with Her because she was a good woman
3. She was very humble as a servant - Luke 1:48 NKJV "For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed."

#### B. Women who are good mothers set good examples for their children by being a good woman.

#### C. GOD MEANT FOR MOTHERS TO BE GOOD OR HE WOULD NOT HAVE ENTRUSTED LITTLE BABIES TO THEIR CARE.

### IV. APPRECIATE THE PRIVILEGE OF MOTHERHOOD

#### A. Woman

1. Means - man with a Womb
2. The ability to have a child
3. She gives birth to a child that has a Soul made in the image of God.
4. A mother is a co-worker with God.

B. Some mothers do not treat the baby as sacred

1. Some will terminate the life of their offspring by abortion
2. No woman has the right to terminate the life of any human being - including her own.
3. Two nations struggled in Rebekah's womb - Gen. 25:22,23
4. Jeremiah was set apart in the womb as a prophet - Jer. 1:5
5. A Godly mother who appreciates the privilege of motherhood will not intentionally destroy her baby.
6. The career of motherhood is woman's highest calling!

**V. A GOOD MOTHER WILL LOVE HER CHILDREN**

A. Tit. 2:3-5 "...to love their children," v. 4

1. Love - Agape
2. Wants the highest good possible for the one loved

B. 1 Cor. 13:4-7 - characteristics of love - applied to the mother with children

1. Patient with her children
2. Kindness -
3. Not proud - she is not ashamed of her children
4. Behaves properly toward her own offspring
5. Unselfish
6. Wants and expects the best from her children
7. Her love for her children never fails

- C. Love establishes a good home!
- D. A mother's love is SUPREME - I Kings 3:16-28 - a mother was willing to give up her child rather than see it divided.

## **VI. THE MOTHER WILL TEACH HER CHILDREN**

### A. Scriptures

- 1. Pro. 1:8 and 6:20 "My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother."
- 2. Col. 3:20 "Children, obey your parents [plural - mother and father] in all things"

### B. Great opportunity

- 1. Children are young and tender in their early years
- 2. The influence of the mother is often the greatest influence in their life
- 3. Children will be what they are taught to be and "What children learn depends upon who brings them up."
- 4. Mothers are not the only teachers of children but they are the first teachers and generally the most influential teachers of all.

### C. Teach your children

- 1. About God
  - a. Creator
  - b. Honor and love Him

2. About God's word

- a. Read the Bible to them - II Tim. 3:15
- b. Encourage them to read their own Bible

3. About God's Church

- a. The Saved - the called out
- b. How to become members
- c. How to live as a Christian

4. About Morality

- a. Right and wrong
- b. Importance of choosing the right

5. About Marriage

- a. God's laws of marriage - divorce and remarriage
- b. How to choose a good partner
- c. How to have a happy marriage

6. About self control

- a. Discipline of a child is essential
- b. The purpose is to teach the child to control itself
- c. "The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame."
- d. The discipline comes from love

D. A sign on the door of a blacksmith shop about the hours of operation read: "The hours is until the work isn't". A mother's work of teaching never runs out.

## E. Quotes:

1. "The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom." - Henry Ward Beecher
2. "Men may build cities and railroads; they span rivers and tunnel mountains. But the mothers of men are the builders of civilization." - C.A. Stewart
3. "If you would reform the world from its errors and vices, begin by enlisting the mothers." C. Simmons

**VII. MOTHER IS A HOMEMAKER or HOUSEWIFE**

## A. Scriptures

1. Titus 2:3-5 "keepers at home"
2. Prov. 31:27-28 "She looketh well to the ways of her household"
3. 1 Tim. 5:14 "Guide the house"

## B. She is a home manager

1. There is so much physical work and labour involved in being a mother.
2. No one knows how much a mother does until they try to do it!
3. The meals, the clothes, the furniture, decoration, and 1001 other things that go into housework are all hard work.
4. But a mother does these things out of love for her children and her husband.
5. "Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her." Pro. 31:28
6. "A Tribute To Mother" by Marjorie Cooney - I.O.U.'s [See article in file on Mothers]

## CONCLUSION

1. Christian mothers are more than cooks and cleaners, chauffeurs and correctors:
  - a. They are workers together with God.
  - b. What work could be more important than helping to rear a child to His glory and honor?
2. There are great blessings for a godly mother:
  - (1) Assurance that their work is truly great
  - (2) Sense of satisfaction in bringing up a child so he or she can be a child of God.
  - (3) They have the hope of living with their children in the beautiful place called heaven.
3. A non-Christian mother cannot instill Christian truths in her children:
  - a. A Christ less mother cannot impart Christ to her children
  - b. Every child deserves a Christian mother.
  - c. If death came to you today would your children have a lingering memory of a Christian Mother?
4. Motherhood and Christianity should be joined together and when they are the children will be richly blessed.
5. Prov. 31:29-31
6. A Christian mother wants to go to heaven and take her children with her!
  - a. In 100 years a woman's offspring may be numbered in the 100's.
  - b. In 500 years there may be 1,000's of hundreds of thousands.
  - c. Whether a woman is a loyal child of God may determine the eternal destiny of her immediate offspring and generations yet unborn.
  - d. A righteous, godly mother is a powerful influence.

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