

SERMON NOTES

January 24, 2010

“The High Call of Wife & Mother”

Deuteronomy 6:4-9; 11:18-19; Ezekiel 16:20, 44-45

IS HOMEMAKING A CHALLENGING CAREER?

Homemaking is a career.

Def. – “One who **MANAGES** a **HOUSEHOLD**, especially a wife and mother.”

I. A DIVINE ASSIGNMENT

Titus 2:3-5 – Paul admonishes the older women to **TEACH** the younger women – “...to their husbands and children... working at **HOME**...” Literal Greek – “home-workers”

God’s ideal woman according to Proverbs 31:

- 1) Committed **HOMEMAKER**
- 2) Chaste **HELPMEEET**
- 3) **GOD-FEARING** woman
- 4) Woman of **STRENGTH**
- 5) Upright woman

II. A SOURCE OF SELF-ESTEEM

God’s ideal woman has worth (Prov. 31)

- “She is far more **PRECIOUS** than jewels. (v.10) – **woman of VALUE**
- “Many women have done **EXCELLENTLY** (virtuously) (v. 29) – **woman of strength**
- She **CONSIDERS** a field...” (v. 16) – **woman of VISION**
- “...her clothing is fine linen and purple.” (v. 22) – **woman of ELEGANCE**

III. A WORTHY SERVICE

Hannah’s reward was **NOT** the birth of a son, but the **GIFT to GOD** of that son.

Some women want to limit parenthood to:

- 1) The **LABOR ROOM**
- 2) The “mommy track”
- 3) An **AWFUL** condition

The greatest need is for **FAMILY-OBSSESSED** mothers.

IV. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE

“I will make him a helper fit for him.” (Genesis 2:18)
Literal Hebrew – “a help **LIKE** or **CORRESPONDING** to himself.”

No suggestion in Scripture that women are **INFERIOR** or **INCAPABLE** - Neither in **PERSONHOOD** (which is the same as man’s) nor in **FUNCTION** (which is different than man’s).

One can be subject to a superior:

- 1) **ISRAEL** was subject to Christ (Deut. 6:1-5)
- 2) **BELIEVERS** are subject to Christ (Phil. 2:9-11)
- 3) Abraham to Melchizedek (Heb. 7:7)

Subordination is also possible among equals:

- 1) Christ is equal to the Father yet **SUBJECT** to Him.
- 2) (Phil. 2:6-8)
- 3) Believers are equal yet told “submit to one another”
- 4) (Eph. 5:21)

Subordination is also possible to an **INFERIOR** - Christ submitted to **PONTIUS PILATE** (Matt. 27:11-14)

CONCLUSION:

The efforts of society to abolish the differences between the sexes have resulted in:

- 1) Increase in **HOMOSEXUALITY**
- 2) Leap in **DIVORCE** rate
- 3) More **RAPE** and sexual **CRIMES**
- 4) Less **CHILDREN** born

LET SCRIPTURE SPEAK FOR ITSELF!

Homemaking has:

- 1) **CHALLENGE** & opportunity
- 2) **SUCCESS** & failure
- 3) **GROWTH** & expansion
- 4) **PERKS** & incentives...
...same as any corporation!

What homemaking has found nowhere else:

- 1) Working for people you **LOVE** most
- 2) Working for people you want to **PLEASE** most

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DISCUSSION:

1. "Diversity of opportunity but never to the neglect of the priority responsibility."

DISCUSS

2. "We must not be overcome by the surrogacy of this age, which offers even a substitute womb."

DISCUSS

3. Read Ezekiel 16:20, 44-45

DISCUSS

4. Full-time wife and mother is not:

- 1) A destructive **DROUGHT** of usefulness
- 2) A dreary **CELL** to restrict skills/talents
- 3) A **ROPE** for binding productivity
- 4) An oppressive **RESTRAINT** of intellect
- 5) A bitter **ASSIGNMENT** of inferiority

Prayer Requests:

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Praises:

Verse to memorize:

CORE CHRISTIAN VALUES – WEEK 4

BELIEF – “What We Need to Know”

Belief #4 - Personal God: the belief that God is involved in and cares about our daily lives (Psalm 121)

PRACTICE – “What We Endeavor to Do”

Practice #4 - Single-Mindedness: focusing on God and his priorities for our life (Matthew 6:33)

VIRTUE – “What We Expect to Be”

Virtue #4 - Self-Controlled: having the power to control ourselves (I Thessalonians 5:6)

APPLICATION:

Application is Hard Work:

1. ...because it requires serious thinking.
2. ...because Satan fights it viciously.
3. ...because we naturally resist change.

Four Steps to Practical Application:

- I. **Pray** for insight on how to apply the passage.
- II. **Meditate** on verses you have chosen to study.
 - a. Put yourself in the biblical scene.
 - b. Emphasize words in the passage you are studying.
 - c. Paraphrase the passage.
 - d. Personalize the passage you are studying.
 - e. Use the S-P-A-C-E-P-E-T-S acrostic. *
- III. **Write** out an application – (Personal, Practical, Possible, Provable)
- IV. **Memorize** a key verse from your study.

Questions to Ask When Studying the Bible:

1. What attitude do I need to change (surrender)?
2. What do I need to start doing? Stop doing?
3. What things do I need to believe? Stop believing?
4. What relationships do I need to work on?
5. What ministry should I be having with others?

*S – Sin to confess?

P – Promise to claim?

A – Attitude to change?

C – Command to obey?

E – Example to follow?

P – Prayer to pray?

E – Error to avoid?

T – Truth to believe?

S – Something to praise God for?