

## Motherhood

God told Adam and Eve, “Be fruitful, and multiply, fill the earth...” (Gen 1: 28). There is what appears to be an innate desire within the woman to bring new life into the world. Most women have a natural desire to nurture and give maternal love to a child.

According to the Bible, the primary role of the woman pertains to the family. After stating that the role of the woman is not that of public teacher or preacher over men, Paul wrote the following: “Nevertheless she [the Christian woman] will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control” (I Tim 2:15). The apostle is not making the woman’s salvation contingent on being able to reproduce, but he is addressing the basic design, function, and need of the woman.

Paul instructs older women to teach the younger thus, “To be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed” (Titus 2: 5). The term “homemakers” (“keepers at home” kjv) is literally “home worker.” The word of God does not condemn a married mother working in secular pursuits (cp. Prov. 31: 16, 24). However, the Bible does teach that the woman is to put first her home and family (cp. Eph. 5: 22-33). It is sad that a large percent of women just want to be career minded. Many of these women realize later that they are missing out on the most fulfilling experience, motherhood and being a keeper of the home (Prov. 31: 10-31, Titus 2: 5).

One of the greatest tributes seen in regards to the wife and mother is found in Proverbs 31: 28. It reads as follows: “Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her”. – *Boyd Jennings*

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