



Proverbs

Wifehood and Motherhood





1 Corinthians 7

6 Now as a concession, not a command, I say this. 7 I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another. 8 To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single as I am. 9 But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.





1 Corinthians 7

25 Now concerning the betrothed, I have no command from the Lord, but I give my judgment as one who by the Lord's mercy is trustworthy. 26 I think that in view of the present distress it is good for a person to remain as he is. 27 Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be free. Are you free from a wife? Do not seek a wife. 28 But if you do marry, you have not sinned, and if a betrothed woman marries, she has not sinned. Yet those who marry will have worldly troubles, and I would spare you that.





1 Corinthians 7

32 I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. 33 But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, 34 and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. 35 I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.





1 Corinthians 7

36 If anyone thinks that he is not behaving properly toward his betrothed, if his passions are strong, and it has to be, let him do as he wishes: let them marry—it is no sin. 37 But whoever is firmly established in his heart, being under no necessity but having his desire under control, and has determined this in his heart, to keep her as his betrothed, he will do well. 38 So then he who marries his betrothed does well, and he who refrains from marriage will do even better.



Consider:
"The Home" in the Bible

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- The tabernacle - The dwelling place
- The Temple
- The Church. The People

The Theme - From these places flow out the
gospel influence into communities





1 Tim. 5:10-14

10 and having a reputation for good works: if she has brought up children, has shown hospitality, has washed the feet of the saints, has cared for the afflicted, and has devoted herself to every good work. 11 But refuse to enroll younger widows, for when their passions draw them away from Christ, they desire to marry 12 and so incur condemnation for having abandoned their former faith. 13 Besides that, they learn to be idlers, going about from house to house, and not only idlers, but also gossips and busybodies, saying what they should not. 14 So I would have younger widows marry, bear children, manage



Titus 2:3-6

3 Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, 4 and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, 5 to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled. 6 Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled.





Building a Home for Ministry

1 Tim 5:14

So I would have younger widows marry, bear children, manage their households, and give the adversary no occasion for slander

Proverbs 14:1

The wisest of women builds her house, but folly with her own hands tears it down.

Two Lies:

1. Mom's think their job is a sham
2. It doesn't apply because not married





Proverbial Cautions

Prov 12:4

An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, but she who brings shame is like rottenness in his bones.

Prov 9:13

The woman Folly is loud; she is seductive and knows nothing.

Prov 21:19 It is better to live in a desert land than with a quarrelsome and fretful woman.

Prov 26:20

For lack of wood the fire goes out,
and where there is no whisperer, quarreling ceases.





Proverbial Encouragements

Pro 19:14

House and wealth are inherited from fathers, but a prudent wife is from the Lord.

Proverbs 31:27

She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Proverbs 24:3-4

By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; 4 by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.





Proverbs 16:3

Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.

Proverbs 31:17

She dresses herself with strength and makes her arms strong

Proverbs 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.





Proverbs 16:24

Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.

Proverbs 31: 26

She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

Proverbs 31:16

She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

Proverbs 31:22

She makes bed coverings for herself; her clothing is fine linen and purple.





Proverbs 5:15-23

15 Drink water from your own cistern, flowing water from your own well.

16 Should your springs be scattered abroad, streams of water in the streets?

17 Let them be for yourself alone, and not for strangers with you.

18 Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth,

19 a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love.





Proverbs 5:15-23

20 Why should you be intoxicated, my son, with a forbidden woman and embrace the bosom of an adulteress?

21 For a man's ways are before the eyes of the Lord, and he ponders all his paths.

22 The iniquities of the wicked ensnare him, and he is held fast in the cords of his sin.

23 He dies for lack of discipline, and because of his great folly he is led astray.

