

Leadership in the Home

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Course description: Wives Part 3

This course continues to explore the importance of leadership in the home. In our lesson today, we focus on the role of the Christian wife. The relationship between the husband and wife in the Bible compares to the relationship between Christ and His church (Ephesians 5:21-33). We may not always think in terms of leadership when we look at the role of the wife in the home. However, nothing could be further from the truth. Her role provides incredible influence on her husband and their children.

Course Objectives: By the end of this class students will have:

- A. Reviewed material about the example of Christ set by the mother in the home.
- B. Described three ways the mother can fill the role of administrator in the home.
- C. Described three ways the mother can lead her children in the home.

Outline of the class:

- A. Spend five minutes at the beginning of the class period to discuss the various ways the wife exemplifies the example of Christ in the home, as studied in last week's class.
- B. Keep the class into groups of 3 or 4 and ask each group to list at least three ways the wife can administrate in the home and three ways she can lead children in the home. Take about 10 minutes to complete the task.
- C. After each group completes the task, ask them to share what they listed and write them on the whiteboard for further discussion.
 - 1. The husband is the head of the household. Nothing changes this fact. However, the wife has a responsibility to manage household affairs. She implements general decisions related to the development of her work at and in the home. Refer again to the virtuous woman in Proverbs 31:10-31. A few suggestions for administrating in the home include the following:
 - a. She is responsible for the use of money in the household budget.
 - b. She is responsible for the operation of areas needed within the home.
 - c. She is responsible for the preparation of appropriate clothing for the weather that her family faces.
 - d. There should be a level of trust from the husband for her to administrate in the home and all the business related to the home.
 - e. A clear statement in 1 Timothy 5:14 indicates she is to "keep house" or "house rule." This would include all we've mentioned above.

2. The highest position that a woman can take is that of a mother. While God granted man the position of instructor in the church, the woman “will be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith, love, and holiness with self-restraint” (1 Timothy 2:15). The position of a mother in the kingdom of God is a masterpiece. After her responsibilities as a wife, the various responsibilities involved in being a good mother are most important in the life of a Christian wife. A few suggestions for leading children in the home include the following:
 - a. Example in all areas as a Christian, holding to the word of God.
 - b. Encouragement (Titus 2:4) Especially, the mother can encourage her young daughters to love their husbands and children.
 - c. Love (Titus 2:4) She provides an example and teaches her children the value of love for her husband and for them.
 - d. Faith (2 Timothy 1:5) The mother and grandmother of Timothy were instrumental in teaching him the faith.
 - e. Instruction (2 Timothy 3:14-15) Teaching begins in the home and the mother has the opportunity to be the foundation for this teaching.
 - f. Discipline (Ephesians 6:4) While the father is the primary means to bring up children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord, the mother also has a responsibility to help carry out this discipline.
- D. Both as an administrator in the home and teacher of her children, the mother plays a significant role in leading.
1. We have examples of Timothy’s mother and grandmother playing a significant role in leading Timothy in 2 Timothy 1:5 and 3:15.
 2. We have instruction in Titus 2 for women to fulfill the role of leading when it comes to helping children and younger women fulfill their roles in the home.
 3. The Bible provides instruction to show the necessity of how wives/mothers can make a difference in the home. We need to understand there is a difference between role and value. We all have the same value, but we do not all have the same role. When we fulfill what God designed for each person in the home, we lay the foundation for success.

Conclusion:

- A. We need to give more attention to the study of how mothers fulfill leadership roles within the home, as an example for their children and in teaching them.
- B. When mothers and fathers fulfill their respective responsibilities, the home functions as God intended and designed for it.
- C. Future lessons will be posted to discuss areas related to leadership in the home.