

THE WOMAN WHO IS A GODLY WOMAN

INTRODUCTION:

- A. This lesson continues our series on the home and family
- B. It is even more difficult to know how to approach this subject. I cannot speak from experience, yet a study of Scripture will give us insight into what God wants woman to be.
- C. This study, I believe, addresses second greatest breakdown in home & family: and that is the abdication of the woman from her God given role in the home and family..

DISCUSSION:

I. YES THERE IS A DIFFERENCE

- A. God made them "male" and "female". Gen 1:27 All of man's rhetoric will not change this
- B. One reason for difference in hair length in 1Cor 11:3-16 is a distinction between the man and the woman.
- C. Woman made as "help meet" for man Gen 2:18 "meet" means suitable or appropriate - helper, not same as – more on this later in the lesson
- D. God gave them different roles in life Gen 3:16,19

II. A CONTRAST BETWEEN TWO WOMEN

- A. A "strange woman" Prov 6:24; 7:6-27
 1. A woman with attire of a harlot V 10, Gen 38:14,15
 2. A woman subtle (watch, reserve, besiege) of heart
 3. Loud, stubborn - won't stay at home
 4. Only interested in the gratification of the flesh
 5. Her house is the way to hell
- B. A "virtuous woman" is priceless Prov 31:10-31
 1. She can be trusted
 2. She is not lazy; works diligently in various endeavors
 3. She is charitable, helps the poor and needy
 4. Prepares well for her household
 5. Supports her husband behind the scenes
 6. She is wise and kind
 7. Her concern for inner strength & beauty 1Pet 3:3,4
Note verse 30; See also 1Tim 2:9,10
- C. Examples of two kinds of women
 1. Delilah Jud 16; Jezebel 1Ki 18,19,21; Potiphar's wife Gen 39;
 2. Ruth; Esther; Sarah 1Pet 3:6
- D. This illustrates there is more to being a real woman than just being a female. As masculinity is more than just being a male, so femininity is more than just being a female
- E. A woman can be godly and not be physically attractive, in the way the world views physical attraction 1Pet 3:3,4
- F. Just as the supreme quality of manhood is strength of a noble character and the foundation of a noble character is self-mastery, so it is with the woman as well

II. THE ROLE OF WOMAN

- A. A "help meet" for man Gen 2:18
 1. "God created woman for a purpose, to fill a special need; not as a competitor, but as a 'helper suited to him.' She is to be a complement to him." ¹
 2. "Each supplies characteristics and qualities to help bring out the best in the other. Women have greater potential for influence in this role than any other." ¹
- B. In submission to man Eph 5:22
 1. Learn in silence (quietness) with subjection 1Tim 2:11
Greek word here involves tranquillity that arises from within and has to do with a disposition or an attitude such as is described in 1Pet 3:4. The same basic idea as in 1Tim 2:2 in regard to a quiet and peaceable life
 2. Teaching or usurping authority OVER the man not allowed 1Tim 2:12, reasons in verses 13,14
 - a. Yes they can teach by example and word
 - b. Teach by manner of life 1Pet 3:1-6
 - c. Teach by precept Titus 2:3-5
- C. Marry, bear children, guide the house 1Tim 5:14
 1. Marry because she is man's compliment 1Cor 7:2
 2. Bear children because that is what she is designed for Gen 3:16; 1Tim 2:15 (saved = deliverance from temporal danger or suffering)
 3. Guide the house because her primary function is a homemaker. The word guide means to rule, this involves domestic responsibilities, management and direction of household affairs

III. BE GLAD YOU ARE A WOMAN

- A. What is the most important thing you can do; be a rocket scientist, a great painter, a government official.
- B. "While all these have a place of importance, it is of far greater value to be a good homemaker and have a part in molding and developing the character of our future citizens. Your opportunity to be of benefit to society is greater in the home than in any other realm or capacity." ¹

CONCLUSION:

- A. A real need today in the church, in families, in countries for WOMEN who have the courage of their convictions and the strength of character to be godly women.
- B. Until women accept their God given responsibilities the church will suffer, and our country will suffer, because the family will not be what God designed it to be and as the family goes, so goes the church and the country.
- D. "Take your place with confidence and pride. Be a first class woman and not a second rate man!" ¹

⁽¹⁾ Ruth E. Hazelwood *The Challenge of Being a Wife.*

