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Mastering the Art of Womanhood

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We do an adequate job in instructing the ladies of the church where they are not to serve and what they must not do. This is not a default, but to fail to help them to know and understand how they can be an asset to the cause of Christ is a weakness. The Bible is generous with passages giving guidance and encouragement for Christian women to assume their responsibilities. Those recorded, present her as a vibrant and needed personal worker and teacher of God's word.

The most effective soul-winner begins at home. When God created the woman, He had every intention that she be "a help meet" for her husband (Gen. 2:20). The term "meet" means "suitable, right, sufficient, or fit." Here is a great area of flexing godliness and influence to the betterment of her husband. Hannah gave her son Samuel to the service of God (1 Sam. 1:9-18, 24-28). She made a statement by doing so to God, to Samuel, and quantified her own love for God. Queen Vashti refused to honor the request of her husband to entertain his friends by doing what would have been a sensual dance (Es. 1:11-12). She taught morality and example by her refusal to compromise. Anna served God night and day in the temple. She was a widow of about 80 years of age. She demonstrated her deep love for God in serving vicariously those who would lead in the worship. Today, our ladies can prepare the Lord's Supper, clean, and make the environment for worship presentable. The widow gave her mite which was small but when combined with the giving of others, it was considerable (Mk. 12:41-45). Lydia was instrumental in converting her whole household following her conversion (Acts. 16:14f). Priscilla taught Apollos a more perfect way (Acts 18:26). Louis and Eunice, grandmother and mother of Timothy, taught him how to live and serve and he became a great gospel preacher (2 Tim. 1:1-5). This same avenue was denoted by the wise man who gave instruction to "*train up a child in the way he should go*" with promised results (Prov. 22:6). A great area of soul-reaching service is through exercising hospitality with joy (1 Pet. 4:9). Many husbands have been led to Christ by the behavior of a godly wife (1 Pet. 3:1). The value of a virtuous woman is "*far above rubies*" (Prov. 31:10).

A must that has to be satisfied before any of the above can occur is for our dear ladies to "*work out [their] own salvation with fear and trembling*" (Phil. 2:12). When salvation becomes important to the individual, it will be valuable to the masses.

The women of this congregation fill such a vital role and are so valuable to the church, their family, and to our society in general. Let us wish for you a delightful Mother's Day! May you receive all the love and respect that you deserve and to which you are entitled. Thank you for helping to give our lives meaning, direction, and many warm feelings.

"We're Behind You Mom"

A mother took her four young children out in a minivan to run some errands. One of the children, sitting behind her, soon became bored and began kicking the base of the driver's seat. After several minutes of thumping, the exasperated mother yelled, "That's it! Who's behind me?" Her six-year-old replied immediately, "We're all behind you, Mom- 100 percent!"



God is behind motherhood, and the Bible holds godly mothers in high esteem. Her value to God and human society is inestimable. In the immortal words of Proverbs 31, "Who can find a virtuous woman, for her worth is far above rubies. The heart of her husbands safely trusts her...Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her...Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised" (Proverbs 31:10, 11, 28, 30). God is behind mothers 100 percent. He has assigned mother a role in the home and society that only she can fill. Women are called to "bear children, manage the house...love their husbands and their children...be a homemaker" (1 Timothy 5:14; Titus 2:4-5). Study these verses carefully and you will discover that God has assigned women a unique and indispensable role in the home and in human society. He is behind her role as Mom and homemaker 100 percent, even if many in modern times are not.

Moms, take heart. Whether you work outside the home or not, you have work inside the home that no machine can ever do and that no substitute can ever replace! You have a special, unique, and high calling from God- one which men are hardly equipped to perform! It still takes a woman to bear a child and be a mother. First Timothy 5:14 is not a cultural statement that changes from one generation and culture to the next- it is still the plan of God that young women marry, bear children, and guide or manage the house. The power Mom has to influence her children cannot be matched by anyone.

About a hundred years ago Joaquin Miller wrote these eloquent words- "The bravest battle that ever was fought, Shall I tell you where and when? On the maps of the world you find it not, It was fought by the mothers of men." We should all be behind our Moms, 100 percent.

~ by Dan Gulley Smithville Church of Christ



When You Thought I Wasn't Looking...

When you thought I wasn't looking,
You hung my first painting on the refrigerator
And I wanted to paint another one.
When you thought I wasn't looking,
You fed a stray cat,
And I thought it was good to be kind to animals.
When you thought I wasn't looking,
You baked a birthday cake just for me,
And I knew that little things were special things.
When you thought I wasn't looking,
You said a prayer,
And I believed there is a God I could talk to.
When you thought I wasn't looking, You
kissed me good-night and I felt loved.
When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw tears come from your eyes,
And I learned that sometimes things hurt--
But it's all right to cry.
When you thought I wasn't looking ,
You smiled and it made me
want to look that pretty too.
When you thought I wasn't looking
You cared and I wanted to be everything I could be.
When you thought I wasn't looking
I looked...
And I want to say "thanks"
For all those things you did
When you thought I wasn't looking.

~Mary Rita Schilke Korzan~

But Only One Mother

Most of all the other beautiful things in life come by twos and threes, by dozens and hundreds. Plenty of roses, stars, sunsets, rainbows, brothers and sisters, aunts, and cousins, but only one mother in the whole world.

~ Kate Douglas Wiggin



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PRAYER LIST



Harvey Lovelady, father of *Nicki Weaver* had back surgery this past week. His surgery went well and he is at home recovering.

Lisa Russell, mother of *Madison Griggs*, surgery for cancer was postponed until further testing is complete.

Nicki Weaver undergoing more tests.

Sharon Clemmer, fell at work this past week and is bruised, sore, and having some dizziness.

Salena Koester, daughter of *Mike and Sheila King* is having some complications with her pregnancy.

Continue to Remember:

Nancy Petrowski, Whit Robertson, Judy Kirk, Barbara Davis, Jackie Dodd, Natalie Griffin, Genice Collett, John Elliott, Timmy Bolden, Judy Ward, William Wilson, Sonny Gay, David Crossings, Andy Ulmer, Sheila Thomas, Yolanda Stubblefield, Justin Forsyth, Preeble Foster, Donna Haynes, Roy Crow, Shane Hutton, Jack Dunlap, Terry & Betty Young

Shut-Ins:

Jean Drummond, Teresa Clark, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner, Claudia Senter

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Betty Lang, Miriam Styers, Grace Anderson, Mattie Golden, Laura Mae Harris

Military List:

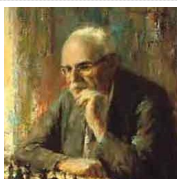
Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud

Bible Verses To Remember

“Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man, so are children of the youth.” Psalm 127:3,4

I’ve Learned...

Before I got married I had six theories about bringing up children; now I have six children, and no theories. ~ Jon Wilmot



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- May 07. Randy Wall
- May 07. Ashlee Weaver
- May 11. Viva Dillard
- May 11. Sydney Hill
- May 12. Eric Dunn
- May 13. Carl Smith

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- May 09. Josh & Shelly George



THANK YOU NOTE

Gary and I would like to thank each one for the love, prayers, visits and food during the loss of our beloved son. Our family has been saddened by this great loss of our son whom we loved so much. Please continue prayers during this difficult time. We are so thankful for our church family. May God bless each and everyone of you.

Christian Love, Gary & Linda Turner

TEACHERS — SIGN-UP

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer for those who are willing to teach through the next year. Please prayerfully consider helping our young people grow in knowledge and faith through our Bible School program. If you have any questions please see *Lonnie Weaver*.



LOOKING AHEAD...

- *Ron Clayton* missionary for the work in India will be our guest speaker Sun. night, May 10th.
- We will recognize our High School Seniors at our 3rd Sun. night fellowship, May 17th.
- A Church Picnic has tentatively been set for Fri. evening, May 29th, at the Walls’ lake. The monthly Youth Devotion will take place there.

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To Be Seen in 2015!**



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....9:30
Morning Worship.....10:30
Evening Worship.....6:00
Wednesday Bible Study....7:00

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Brad Pounders.....316-7931
Harold Russell..... 507-1180
Randy Wall 316-9255
Lonnie Weaver.....801-8448

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Dillon Clayton
A.M. Prayer.....Andy Clemmer
Closing Prayer.....Terry Young
P.M. PrayerMark Jennings
ClosingHunter Jennings
Wed.5/13.....Greg Harrison
Wed.5/13.....Harold Russell
Usher & Lock ...Brad Pounders
Greeter.....S & L Todd

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....112
Sunday A.M.....147
Sunday P. M.....78
Wednesday.....95
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PANTRY ITEMS

Soup

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Before You Say, "I Can't or I Don't. . ."

Once upon a time there were some elders looking for teachers for young people, children and preschoolers for the new Sunday School year.



And some adults said, "I don't want to leave the sweet fellowship and study in my adult class" but the drug pusher on the street said, "Not even the threat of jail will keep me from working with your children."

And some adults said, "We have to be out of town too often on the weekend" but the porno book dealer said, "We're willing to stay in town weekends, too, to accommodate your children".

And some adults said, "I'm unsuited, unable to work with children or preschoolers" but the movie producer said, "We'll study, survey, spend millions to produce whatever turns kids on."

And some adults said, "I could never give the time required to plan and go to teacher's meetings" but the pusher, the porno book dealer, and the movie producer said, "We'll stay open what ever the hours are necessary every day to win the minds of the kids." So . . . the adults stayed in their classes and enjoyed the sweet fellowship and absorbed the good Bible study, and could go out of town often on weekends, and were available to do whatever was good to do in place of teachers' meetings

And when Sunday came, the children came to their classes and no one was there except the elders going from one room to another trying to assure them that someone would surely come to teach them. But no one ever came,- and the young children and preschoolers soon quit coming because they had gone to listen to others who did care about the things they did and what went into their minds.

~ Via *Pulpit Helps* - modified slightly.