

## FAMILY MATTERS #12 - OPERATION OF THE FAMILY

### PROVERBS 31:10-31

God intends the wife become indispensable to the operation of the godly home. She truly "keeps" the home.

#### I. THE WOMAN'S ROLE

- A. Definition: An adult human female, biologically designed to produce eggs and bear genetic offspring.
  - 1. Some cannot but that's God's design (GEN. 3:20)
  - 2. Complementary - like two 45° angles form a 90°
- B. Keepers at home taught by example TITUS 2:2-5
  - 1. Love her husband and love her children
  - 2. (DISCREET) / (CHASTE) / (KEEPER) / (OBEDIENT)
  - 3. Bible "under authority" (MATT. 8:9) & (ACTS 8:27)
- C. Not to be preachers or pastors 1 TIMOTHY 2:7-15
  - 1. Note: "by" = "amidst" or "despite" (1 COR. 3:15)

#### II. THE WOMAN'S RIGHT

- A. Complete equality before the Lord in Salvation
  - 1. Peter had a wife and Paul did not (1 COR. 9:5)
  - 2. She is a sister and heir with the man 1 PET. 3:7
- B. Protection, gentleness, courtesy, and honor
  - 1. "Get for himself his own wife" 1 THESS. 4:3-7
  - 2. Honor (cherished) and sanctification (holiness)
  - 3. Fornication (DEFRAUDS) another, future husband

#### III. THE WOMAN'S REVENUE

- A. Proverbs 31 commends hard work for women!
  - 1. Worketh, bringeth, riseth, giveth, considereth, buyeth, planteth, girdeth, strengtheneth...
  - 2. Her economy and effort help feed and clothe
- B. She is PREPARED to reach out to the poor and needy

#### IV. THE WOMAN'S RESPECT

- A. Her husband is known in the gates PROV. 31:23
- B. He SAFELY trusts in her and is completely satisfied

#### V. THE WOMAN'S REWARD

- A. Her children AND her husband PRAISE her PROV. 31:28
- B. God commends her (vs 29) / Her works praise (vs. 31)

GEN. 3:20 - "And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living."

DISCREET - "Prudent; wise in avoiding errors or evil, and in selecting the best means to accomplish a purpose. Wary."

CHASTE - "Pure from all unlawful commerce of sexes. Applied to persons before marriage, it signifies pure from all sexual commerce, undefiled; applied to married persons, true to the marriage bed. Free from obscenity."

KEEPER - "One who has the care, custody, or superintendence of anything. (Similar to warden or zookeeper)."

OBEDIENT - "Submissive to authority, especially in military; yielding compliance with commands, orders or injunctions; performing what is required, or abstaining from what is forbid."

MATT. 8:9 - "For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it."

ACTS 8:27 - "And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,"

1 COR. 9:5 - "Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas?"

1 COR. 3:15 - "If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.""

DEFRAUD - "To deprive of right, either by obtaining something by deception or artifice, or by taking something wrongfully without the knowledge or consent of the owner; to cheat; to cozen; followed by of before the thing taken; as, to defraud; a man of his right."