

## **The Model Mother** **Titus 2:4-5**

### **Introduction:**

1. No biblical standard is more viciously attacked today than the God-ordained role of women in society. And no passage is more brutally assaulted by the world than the two verses that lay before us.
2. God's concept of marriage and family are assailed as archaic, old-fashioned, and antiquated. Yet when His precepts are followed, harmony and fulfillment by both husband and wife are experienced.
3. You might mistakenly think that the world's agenda concerning women is a rather modern phenomenon and only gained steam in the past 50 years. But in actuality, it is ancient.
  - The core ideas, including reversal of sex-based roles, are found in virtually all ancient pagan religions, including the mother-god legends of Babylonian and Persian mythology.
4. The world's assault on gender differences and on the definition of family has unfortunately invaded and influenced many churches and Christian denominations.
5. But this morning we will see clearly how disparate God's plan is from the principles of the world. God has a wonderful and magnificent design for women.
6. It is a plan that will fulfill their created purpose, maximize their uniqueness, make them a blessing to the world, bring fulfillment to their own lives, and give glory to God.
7. God's design is stated in a straightforward and concise manner in our text.

### **First, we see the model mother possesses godly thinking patterns.**

1. Did you realize that God knows our every thought? Psalm 19:14
2. A godly young lady will grasp this truth and will seek to maintain purity of mind.
3. There are three key words here in our text in regards to this: "*sober*," "*discreet*," and "*chaste*."
  - *sober* – This carries the idea of a serious and disciplined mind. If there are any unrighteous thoughts that enter, she takes them captive and brings them into submission to Christ.
  - *discreet* – This means that a lady makes good and right judgments. She manifests spiritual discretion and discernment.
  - *chaste* – This means "innocent; modest; pure." This means she has a healthy sense of shame at saying or doing anything, or dressing in any way that would cause a man to lust.
4. A word of warning: Ladies, it is not an easy accomplishment to maintain a pure mind that is sober, discreet, and chaste. The world offers an endless barrage of filthy TV programming, smutty novels, raunchy talk shows, obscene movies, vile web sites, vulgar music, and indecent clothing.

- The lady who fills her mind with these impurities will not and cannot fulfill her God-given role.
5. But a lady who meditates on God's Word and fills her heart and mind with God's principles is on her way to becoming the model mother. Psalm 37:31; Philippians 4:8

**Second, we see that the model mother displays holy behavior.**

- Pure thinking leads to a natural progression into holy behavior. When our thoughts and philosophy of life are being fashioned by God's Word, our behavior will coincide with that.
  - What kind of behavior do we witness in a model mother?
1. First and foremost, she will love her husband.
- Remember, the woman was conceived out of the need of the man, and the man was utterly incomplete without the woman.
  - According to Genesis 2:18, a wife's core role is to help her husband. Loving him is essential to that role.
  - Sometimes this can be a challenge, given the sinfulness of this world. And many times, men don't make it any easier. We're not real loveable sometimes! There are many different circumstances that Satan can use to squelch a woman's love for her husband.
  - But we need desperately to understand that, when God states that a woman is to love her husband, there are not conditions or exceptions. This should be a woman's first and foremost course of study – how to make her husband feel truly loved!
  - When a wife loves her husband, all else in the marriage fits into place more easily.
2. Second, she will love her children.
- This again is a core responsibility for young ladies. Unfortunately, more and more women act as if their children are an imposition rather than divine and precious gifts.
  - Children are to be a top priority in her life, right under loving her husband.
  - In today's world, there is an anti-birth, anti-children mentality that permeates society.
  - But Christian mothers should love their children, give them full attention, and value them above material possessions and personal career. They should teach them God's holy Word, and pour it into their lives. 2 Timothy 1:5; cf. 3:15
  - One lady author wrote, "There is no greater need for the coming years than a revival of interest in the responsibilities of motherhood."
  - So many women are abdicating their God-given responsibility to somebody else. Somebody other than Mom is caring for the children most of the time, and this simply is not healthy.
  - Caring for your children is not equated with making lots of money and giving them things. It is spending an ample amount of time with them,

being there for them, knowing where they are and what they are doing at all times, and being the number one care-giver in their lives.

- Mom, you may think that you can be replaced by somebody else, but you cannot.
  - Husbands and wives, you'd better sit down and carefully make decisions concerning your family and your children, and decide what your priorities are. In a blink of an eye, children are grown, and you don't want to be filled with regrets. Children grow up only once.
3. Third, she will be a diligent homemaker.
- Another core responsibility for a wife and mother is the management and care of the home. Proverbs 31:27; 1 Timothy 5:14
  - The world writhes with intense displeasure when you teach this biblical principle. The idea of a woman being a homemaker must entail some sort of bondage from which all women need to be liberated.
  - The world acts like this is insulting to a woman's intelligence. My wife is the smartest woman I know. She simply uses that intelligence to enhance our home, our lives, our ministry, and our children's lives. This is how she chooses to use her intelligence for impact. She could easily use it to make money and exalt herself, but that is not her desire.

### **In Conclusion:**

1. The true female victims today are not women who are willingly bound by love to the Lord, to their husbands, and to their children. The true victims are those women who have been deceived by unbiblical feminist ideas about being liberated from God, from the Bible, and from the home.
2. The home is where a wife can provide the best expressions of love for her husband. It is where she teaches and guides and sets a godly example for her children. The home is where she is protected from abusive and immoral relationships with other men, where she has special opportunity to show hospitality, and where she can devote herself to other good works.
3. The home is where she can find authentic and satisfying fulfillment as a Christian and as a woman. Listen to this description of a virtuous woman: Proverbs 31: 10-13, 17, 20-31