

# **Godly Wives**

**Prov. 18:22 "He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the Lord."**

## We Need Homes Where God's Authority Is Supreme

- 1Cor. 11:2-3 - "Now I praise you, brethren, that you remember me in all things and keep the traditions just as I delivered them to you. 3 But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God."

# The Home Fulfills Multiple Roles:

- The lifetime union of a man and woman in marriage
- The training ground for children who will become the future
- The institution where children and neighbors will first hear of the will of God

# How Do We View The Home?

- "Where the small are great and the great are small."
- "Where our stomachs get three meals a day, and our hearts get 1000."
- "Parents' kingdom and child's paradise."
- "Where we get abundant blessings and many complaints."
- "Homes are the vestibules of heaven."
- "Home is where we eat."
- "It is where we go between midnight and daylight when everything else is closed."
- Mother: "It is where I slave the hardest and am appreciated the least."
- Father: "It is what I work two out of five days each week to pay for."
- Christ: John 14:1-3 - "I go to prepare a place for you."

# Faithfulness Defines The Godly Wife

- It is essential that a faithful Christian wife begins with being a faithful Christian
  - One who is faithful in attendance - Heb. 10:25
  - One who is faithful in example - Phil. 3:17
  - One who is faithful in modesty - 1Tim. 2:9
  - One who seeks first the kingdom of God - Matt. 6:33
  - One who puts Christ in her life - Gal. 2:20
  - One who serves the Lord, not only in the home, but also in the local church - Rom. 16:1-2; Acts 9:36
  - One who is a faithful teacher - Titus 2:3-5

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- Why must she be a faithful Christian?
  - 1Peter 3:1-2 - "Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, 2 when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear."

# What Are The Roles Of A Faithful, Godly Wife?

- **A Faithful Helper**

- Gen. 2:18 - "And the LORD God said, It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."
- 1Cor. 11:9 - "Nor was man created for the woman, but woman for the man."
- Titus 2:3-5 - "The older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things-- 4 that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed."

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- **A Faithful Wife**

- Eph. 5:22-24 - "Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. 24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything."

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- Heb. 13:4 - "Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge."
- 1Cor. 7:1-5 - "Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. 2 Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. 3 Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband. 4 The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. 5 Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control."

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- **A Faithful Friend**

- Gen. 2:18 - "And the LORD God said, It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."
- Ruth 1:16-17 - "Entreat me not to leave you, Or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, And your God, my God. 17 Where you die, I will die, And there will I be buried. The LORD do so to me, and more also, If anything but death parts you and me."

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- **A Faithful Home Provider**

- 1Tim. 5:14 - "Therefore I desire that the younger widows marry, bear children, manage the house, give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully."
- Prov. 31:10-31

# Why Has The Faithful Christian Wife Fallen Into Cultural Disfavor?

- Feminism: The Fear of Patriarchy as an Over-Reaction to the Foolishness of Victorianism
  - Patriarchy is the old idea that dads are in charge. The father is the head of the family, and the family (dad, mom, and the children) is the essential unit of society.
  - Victorianism is the misguided concept that the man is at the center of home life, and that the family exists to serve his needs.

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- The Fallacy of Feminism: An Extreme Form of Egalitarianism
  - Egalitarianism is the doctrine that genuine equality in society requires that no one class of people have a right to hold a position of authority over another.

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- According to Secular Feminism, the differences between men and women are only biological (and therefore superficial). The traditional ideas of masculinity and femininity as proper ways of behaving for men and women are no longer "correct."
- This denial or confusion of gender distinctions is called androgyny and means that it is no longer wrong or improper for a man to be effeminate or a woman to behave in a masculine manner.
- However, what has happened is that this destruction of gender distinctions and the repression of natural gender behaviors, particularly in children, results in gender-confusion dysfunction.

# Understanding the Favor God has Given to the Faithful Christian Wife

- Complementarity - Men and women are equal in value before the Lord but different in roles under God and can live together functioning according to their differences without sacrificing their equality as souls.

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- Gen. 1:26-27 - "Then God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth. 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."
- Gen. 2:18 - "And the LORD God said, It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

# Understanding the Favor God has Given to the Faithful Christian Wife

- Men and women are created equal in God's image; they are both living, eternal souls
- Because God loves men and women equally, they are of equal worth in His sight
- Gal. 3:28 - "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

# Men and Women are Different by Design

- The concept of the image of God in us is based on the fact that God is spirit and not a biological being, but He is always HE. Image and gender are distinct concepts.
- It is God who created us and gave us worth and it is God who has determined in His creative design that men and women should function differently in their relations with each other. God has created us different so that we complement (complete) and supplement one another with our different capacities and naturally different gifts.

- Wives, how can you help your husband to be the man God intends him to be?
- How can you help your boys become godly, kind men, and your girls to become faithful Christian women?
- Eph. 5:33 - "Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband."
- Prov. 31:11-12 - "The heart of her husband safely trusts her... 12 She does him good and not evil all the days of her life."

