

Being a Wife

Ruth 1:16 But Ruth said: “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, (shall be) my God.

1. **GEN 2:18** And the **LORD God (*Jehovah Elohim*)** said, “It is not good that (*the*) man (*adam*) should be alone; I will make (*asah*) him a HELPER (*ezer*) comparable to him.” 21 And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs (*tsela*), and closed up the flesh (*basar*) in its place. 22 Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made (*banah*) into a woman (*ishshah*), and He brought her to the man. 23 And Adam said: “This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman (*ishshah*), Because she was taken out of Man (*iysh*).” 24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined (*cleave = dabaq*) to his wife, and they shall become ONE FLESH. 25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.
2. **PRO 19:14** Houses and wealth are inherited from parents, but **a prudent wife is from the LORD.**
3. **PRO 31:10** **A WIFE of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.** 11 **Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value.** 12 **She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.** 13 She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands. 14 She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar. 15 She gets up while it is still dark; she provides food for her family and portions for her servant girls. 16 **She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.** 17 She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks. 18 She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night. 19 In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers. 20 **She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy.** 21 When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet. 22 She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple. 23 **Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land.** 24 She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes. 25 **She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.** 26 **She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.** 27 She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. 28 **Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:** 29 “Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.”
4. **EPH 5:21** **SUBMITTING (*hupotasso*) to one another in the fear of God.** 22 **Wives, submit (*hupotasso*) 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 (*ekklesia*); and He is the Savior (*soteria*) of the body.** 24 Therefore, **just as the church is subject (*hupotasso*) to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.** 25 **Husbands, love (*agapao*) your wives, just as Christ also loved (*agapao*) the church and gave Himself for her,** 26 **that He might sanctify (*hagiazao*) and cleanse (*katharizo*) her with the washing of water by the word (*rhema*),** 27 **that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy (*hagios*) and without blemish.** 28 So **HUSBANDS OUGHT TO LOVE (*agapao*) THEIR OWN WIVES** as their own bodies; he who loves (*agapao*) his wife loves (*agapao*) himself. 29 For **no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.** 30 For **we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.** 31 “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined (*proskollao*) to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh (*sarx*).” 32 This is a great mystery, but **I speak concerning Christ and the church.** 33 Nevertheless **let each one of you in particular so love (*agapao*) his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects (*phobeo*) her husband.**
5. **1PE 3:1** **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. 3 **Do not let your adornment be merely outward**—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel—4 **rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.** 5 For **in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands,** 6 as **Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord,** whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror. 7 **Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.**
6. **1TI 5:14** Therefore **I desire that the younger widows marry, bear children, manage the house, give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully.**
7. **TIT 2:3** 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.

Being a Mother

8. **GEN 3:16** To the WOMAN He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you."
9. **GEN 3:20** And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.
10. **JOH 16:21** "A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.
11. **REV 12:2** Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth. 5 She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.

The phrase "*His mother's name was...*" is found 23 times in Scripture. In 22 of these, the verse also says either "*And he did that which was EVIL in the sight of the LORD*" OR "*And he did that which was RIGHT in the eyes of the LORD.*" There must be a connection here, don't you think? I think the scripture is trying to emphasize the influence of the mother on the life of her child. Of course, the father and other factors are important, too. But the fact is, a **MOTHER** has a tremendous influence on her children.

12. **DEU 6:6** These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. 7 **Impress (teach) them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.** 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 **Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.**
13. **1KI 22:42** Jehoshaphat was thirty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. HIS MOTHER'S NAME WAS AZUBAH the daughter of Shilhi. 43 And he walked in all the ways of his father Asa. HE DID NOT TURN ASIDE FROM THEM, DOING WHAT WAS RIGHT IN THE EYES OF THE LORD. Nevertheless the high places were not taken away, for the people offered sacrifices and burned incense on the high places.
14. **PRO 23:22** Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old.
15. **ISA 40:11** He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.
16. **ISA 66:12** For this is what the LORD says: "I will extend peace to her like a river, and the wealth of nations like a flooding stream; you will nurse and be carried on her arm and dandled on her knees. 13 **As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem.**"
17. **JOH 19:26** When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," 27 and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.
18. **ACT 16:31** So they said, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, & you will be saved, you and your household.'
19. **1CO 7:3** 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.
20. **EPH 6:2** "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise—
21. **2TI 1:5** I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in YOUR GRANDMOTHER Lois ('agreeable') and in YOUR MOTHER Eunice ('good victory') and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.
22. **2TI 3:15** (Paul writing to Timothy) ...and how FROM INFANCY you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 **All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,** 17 **so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.**
23. **1TI 2:15** Nevertheless **SHE WILL BE SAVED (sozo) IN CHILDBEARING** if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.
24. **TIT 2:3** 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.
25. **1CO 11:3** 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. 4 Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonors his head. 5 But every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head, for that is one and the same as if her head were shaved. 6 For if a woman is not covered, let her also be shorn. But if it is shameful for a woman to be shorn or shaved, let her be covered. 7 For **a man indeed ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but woman is the glory of man.** 8 **For man is not from woman, but woman from man.** 9 **Nor was man created for the woman, but woman for the man.** 10 **For this reason the woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels.** 11 **Nevertheless, neither is man independent of woman, nor woman independent of man, in the Lord.** 12 **For as woman came from man, even so man also comes through woman; but all things are from God.**

Let me share with you an example of a godly woman who greatly influenced her children. **Susanna Wesley** was the wife of a pastor and mother of 19 children. She was an attractive woman who taught her children six hours a day. She was well read and valued book learning. Her main concern was to raise her children to act strictly and honestly. The children were taught to fear the rod, and cry softly by which means they escaped abundance of correction. Mrs. Wesley sincerely believed that by her method she was training her children to obey God. Even if in the first instance, they were obeying her. The code of conduct she taught never left them; the picture of God which she gave them in childhood shaped their conceptions through life. **John Wesley** said he owed to her the discipline of his mind. Her goal was to instill into his mind the principles of true religion and virtue. She prayed, "Lord give me the grace to do it sincerely and prudently and bless my attempts with good success."

Some of her rules were: no child was to be given a thing because he cried for it. If a child wanted to cry, cry softly. In her house was rarely heard loud cries. Each child must eat and drink everything before them. No eating or drinking between meals unless sick. She spent one hour every day shut up in her room praying for her children. Two of her sons, **Charles and John, through God brought revival to England. The person who had the most influence on John and Charles was their mother.**

Parents, Let us continually seek to establish the qualities of the godly woman as the goal toward which our girls should strive. And let us teach our sons that this is the kind of woman who makes married life such a blessing. The fact that Mother's Day has become an international institution proves that "time cannot wither nor custom stale" the veneration in which we hold our mothers and their great wisdom in bringing us into the world.

Mothers you are an influence in the lives of your children, that is without question. The question is are you being a godly one? If you are looking for meaning and purpose in your life, God's word says it is found in motherhood. Nobody influences society more than its mothers. Mom's, please remember the words of pastor Caldwell, "**No nation is ever greater than its mothers. For they are the makers of its men.**"

Motherhood There was a time when young girls dreamed of Motherhood! Sadly, young women today are being brainwashed into thinking that Motherhood is some archaic uneducated endless waste of a life. After all most of their mothers abandoned Motherhood to pursue a career. There is something deep within the soul of a woman to nurture children and many women have been stripped of that longing through incorrect teaching and training or even abuse. Motherhood is a noble profession. Motherhood is a great call in life. Motherhood is not a waste of time and further more, motherhood does not mean you are uneducated! On the contrary, mothers, of all people should be the most educated people of all--after all mothers are raising up the next generation. The next generation of Leaders! What kind of person will your child be? Who will he become? Are you teaching your children to love & obey God? What a privilege and honor it is to be a wife and mother! Savor these days with your family.

Divorce

26. **MAL 2:13** And this is the second thing you do: **You cover the altar of the Lord with tears, With weeping and crying; So He does NOT regard the offering anymore, NOR receive it with goodwill from your hands.** 14 **Yet you say, "For what reason?" Because the LORD has been witness between you and the wife of your youth, with whom you have dealt treacherously; yet she is your companion and your wife by covenant.** 15 **But did He not make them one, Having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring. Therefore take heed to your spirit, And let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth.** 16 "For **the Lord God of Israel says That He HATES DIVORCE**, For it covers one's garment with violence," Says the Lord of hosts. "**Therefore take heed to your spirit, That you do not deal treacherously.**"
27. **MAT 5:31** "Furthermore it has been said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' 32 "But I say to you that **whoever DIVORCES (apoluo) his wife for any reason except sexual immorality (porneia) causes her to commit adultery (moichao); and whoever marries a woman who is DIVORCED commits adultery.**
28. **MAT 19:3** The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, "**Is it lawful for a man to DIVORCE his wife for just any reason?**" 4 And He answered and said to them, "**Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,'** 5 "and said, '**For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?**' 6 "So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. **Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.**" 7 They said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?" 8 He said to them, "**Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to DIVORCE your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.** 9 "**And I say to you, whoever DIVORCES his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is DIVORCED commits adultery.**" 10 His disciples said to Him, "If such is the case of the man with his wife, it is better not to marry." 11 But He said to them, "All cannot accept this saying, but only those to whom it has been given: 12 "**For there are eunuchs who were born thus from their mother's womb, and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He who is able to accept it, let him accept it.**"

29. **ROM 7:2** For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband. 3 So then if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man.
30. **1CO 7:10** Now to the married I command, yet not I but the Lord: A wife is NOT TO DEPART from her husband. 11 But even if she does depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband. And a husband is not to DIVORCE his wife. 12 But to the rest I, not the Lord, say: If any brother has a wife who does not believe, and she is willing to live with him, let him not DIVORCE her. 13 And a woman who has a husband who does not believe, if he is willing to live with her, let her not DIVORCE him. 14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy. 15 But if the unbeliever departs, let him depart; a brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases. But God has called us to peace. 16 For how do you know, O wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save your wife? 17 But as God has distributed to each one, as the Lord has called each one, so let him walk. And so I ordain in all the churches.
31. **ECC 4:9** Two are better than one. Because they have a good reward for their labor. 10 If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! 11 Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? 12 Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of THREE STRANDS is not quickly broken.
32. **1PE 4:8** Above all, love (agape) each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

Division Within a Family

33. **PRO 12:4** An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, But she who causes shame is like rottenness in his bones.
34. **PRO 14:1** The wise woman builds her house, But the foolish pulls it down with her (own) hands.
35. **PRO 21:9** Better to dwell in a corner of a housetop, Than in a house shared with a contentious woman.
36. **PRO 21:19** Better to dwell in the wilderness, Than with a contentious and angry woman.
37. **2CO 6:14** Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? 15 And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?
38. **MAT 10:35** “For I have come to ‘set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law’;
39. **JOS 24:15** “And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

Barrenness & Fruitfulness in Marriage

40. *Abraham & Sarah; Isaac & Rebecca; Jacob & Leah / Rachael; Hannah; Shunammite Woman; Zechariah & Elizabeth, parents of John the Baptist = all barren at some time in their lives.*
41. **GEN 1:28** Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”
42. **GEN 4:1** Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, “I have acquired a man from the Lord.”
43. **GEN 9:1** So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.
44. **GEN 9:7** And as for you, be fruitful and multiply; Bring forth abundantly in the earth And multiply in it.
45. **EXO 23:26** No one shall suffer miscarriage or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days.
46. **DEU 7:13** “And He will love you and bless you and multiply you; He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your land, your grain and your new wine and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flock, in the land of which He swore to your fathers to give you. 14 “You shall be blessed above all peoples; there shall not be a male or female barren among you or among your livestock.
47. **PSA 113:9** He grants the barren woman a home, Like a joyful mother of children. Praise the Lord!
48. **PSA 128:3** Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine In the very heart of your house, Your children like olive plants All around your table.
49. **PSA 131:2** Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul, Like a weaned child with his mother; Like a weaned child is my soul within me.
50. **PSA 139:13** For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb.
51. **ISA 1:23** And Elkanah her husband said to her, “Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him. Only let the Lord establish His word.” So the woman stayed and nursed her son until she had weaned him.
52. **LUK 1:41** And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.
53. **LUK 2:6** So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. 7 And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.