



Training Our Daughters To Be Godly Women

*"By wisdom a house is build, by understanding it is established."
Proverbs 24:3,4*

Specific Commands Regarding Position Of Authority:

- 1 Corinthians 11:2-16
- 1 Corinthians 14:34,35
- 1 Timothy 2:11-15

Countering The Effects Of The Fall On Our Daughters:

- In Ephesians 5:22; Colossians 3:18; Titus 2:5; and 1 Peter 3:1; wives are given the responsibility to voluntarily submit to their husbands. Submission is the divine calling of a wife to honor and affirm her husband's leadership and an inclination to follow along side his lead." This calling must be passed on to daughters.
- Training daughters to follow their father's/older brother's lead (and future husband)(Genesis 2:18)
 - responder/follower
 - how she responds to present authority (father) will directly affect her future marriage relationship (husband). (establish chain of command)
- Making a visible feminine distinction from a male
 - Deuteronomy 22:5; 1 Corinthians 11:14,15
 - Rejoice in being feminine. (not sensual/seductive or "manly") (pretty, softness, gentleness, orientated to relationships, unique sensitivity, nurture)
- Teach about healthy, natural, God-ordained, marriage & sexuality between a man and a woman. Protect marital purity. (Genesis 24:16; Hebrews 13:4; Romans 1:26,27; Proverbs 5:15-19; 18:22)

Biblical Passages On Training Daughters:

- Titus 2:4-5** "Train the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husband..."
- priority of women is their children and their home
 - modeling righteous behavior at home is crucial

Desired qualities in daughters:

- Loving submission
- Self-control (self-disciplined/control over self/self-denial)

Ti. 2:12; 2 Cor. 7:2,9; 1 Thess. 4:4; Rom. 13:13,14; Col. 3:5
Purity (mind and body)(Phil. 4:8)
Working at home
Kind (gracious/joyful spirit)

Proverbs 14:1 "A wise woman builds her house, but with her own hands the foolish one tears hers down."

- Moms, you set an example for your daughters in the management of your home. What we model at home directly effects what our daughters and sons become as adults.

Proverbs 31:10-31

- 10 -Teach her that internal character is more desirable than external beauty (Prov. 12:4). Focus on godly qualities, not on looks. (worth = who we are –v- what we look like or can do)
- 11 - Give her trustworthy tasks around the home and leadership responsibility over her siblings to help her become reliable.
- 13 -Teach her to "work with her hands" on special projects like sewing, making clothes, creative cards, artwork, room decoration, laundry, and gardening.
 - Help her develop a good work ethic (joyous diligence)
- 14 - Teach her to shop and plan out menus and how to meet the family's ongoing needs. Include her in the decision making.
- 15 - Help her develop self-discipline by getting up early and making the most of her time. Challenge her not to be lazy or idle. Teach her to do first things first. Teach her how to plan ahead.
 - As she grows, give her additional responsibility to cook the meals for the family. Develop home-making skills to cook, and care for the family (regular balanced meals, baking, special desserts), life skills she will need as a wife & mother.
- 16 - Allow her to manage her money she receives for babysitting. Teach her stewardship and giving. Teach her how to be frugal and not wasteful. Hard work is always productive. Teach her how to save and the dangers of debt. (Prov. 19:14)
- 17 - Encourage her to get regular exercise and have good personal hygiene so she has the strength & stamina to take care of her future family. Exercise produces endurance/perseverance.
 - Train her how to keep a family healthy & how to use first aid.
- 18 - Teach her how to be self-sufficient and not dependent. Teach her to prepare for the future, looking beyond the present.
- 20 - Provide opportunities for her to help the poor and widows, and encourage her to be unselfish, generous, and give to the needs of others. (Prov. 11:16; Acts 9:36)

- 22 - Challenge her to strive for excellence in everything to the glory of God.
- 23 - Her behavior effects the families reputation + or - (Prov. 20:11).
- 24 - Give her opportunity to use her creative gifts to financially benefit the family.
- 25 - Help her develop a gracious personality and to have a positive outlook on the future (Lord willing).
- 26 - Teach her to control her tongue and to pursue wisdom
 - Have her keep God's word near to her heart.
- 30 - Teach her the fear of the Lord

1 Timothy 2:9-11 "I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modesty, and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments, but rather by means of good works, as is proper for women making a claim to godliness. A woman must quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness."

-Modesty/Decency/Propriety

(contrast sensual woman of Proverbs 7:10,11,21,25)

Ephesians 4:17-19; 5:3,5; Prov. 11:22

- Good deeds appropriate for a Christian woman
- Teachable
- Under God-ordained authority

1 Timothy 3:11 (Deacon's wives) "women worthy of respect, not malicious talkers, but temperate and trustworthy in everything."

- Is your daughter trustworthy in everything? Train her to be.

1 Timothy 5:9,10,14 (care of widows)

- There are benefits to faithfulness in marriage/husband
- Good reputation (raising children/hospitality/Christian service)
- Devoted/consistent/hard working

1 Peter 3:1-7 "Wives be submissive to your own husbands, so that even if they are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives. As they observe chaste and respectful behavior. Your adornment must not be merely external – braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry or putting on dresses. But let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God. For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands. Just as Sarah obeyed Abraham calling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right, without being frightened by fear. Husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone

who is weaker, since she is a woman, and show her honor, as a fellow heir of the grace of life..."

- Daughters, like their mother's, were called to honor God-ordained authority, regardless of the person's worthiness or obedience. (a wife's obedience or call to respect is not conditional on her husband's worthiness.)
- Teach daughters exemplary behavior (purity/reverence)
- A daughter's focus should be on developing Godly character, not on superficial looks. Real beauty comes from the heart.

Beauty in Scripture: Genesis 24:16

Women desire to be pursued. (discontent has cousins)

Women are led into lust differently than men. Women lust to be lusted after (Prov. 6:25)

Women are most often seduced emotionally by touch, tenderness, thoughtfulness, sacrifice, or sentiment. Culture draws women into illicit relationships through steamy romance novels, Soap Operas, and chick flicks.

2 Timothy 2:22; Job 31:7,9,33

Issue with fashion:

- Teach daughters to be thankful for a man/husband's strength

2 Timothy 1:5 "I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and I am persuaded, now lives in you also." (generational faith)

Proverbs 1:8; 6:20 "do not forsake your mother's teaching.."

- passing on the faith from older to younger

Acts 9:36 Tabitha (Dorcas) "this woman was abounding with deeds of kindness and love which she continually did."

- train in acts of kindness (making meals for sick family, cards expressing appreciation/love, service projects of compassion, teaching children and other women the Bible)

Summary Training Qualities:

- Fear God (Proverbs 1:7; 31:30)
- Source of significance (God, Marriage, Family)
- Guard your heart (Prov. 4:23,25-27; 7:21,25)
- Seek Godly wisdom (Prov. 1:7,29; 2:5,9; 9:10)
- Modesty and virginity
- Home & Family is vital
- Work hard
- You have the opportunity to shape future generations
- Homemaking is an honorable position (wife and mother)