

truth? When a woman steps outside the realm of her home to work, she leaves her primary responsibility allowing the devil to win the victory over her life. The issue is not if a woman should work, but where she is to work. The virtuous woman of **Proverbs 31:10-31** is definitely a working mother as a homemaker. She works with her hands (**vs. 13**), and she riseth up early (**vs. 15**), and stays up late (**vs. 18**). Any woman who cleans, cooks, sews, and home schools her children has a full time job. Anyone who doubts this needs to try it for one week, and they will become a believer.

Children are considered “an heritage of the Lord” (**Ps. 127:3**). They are a blessing and gift from God. No one will ever love your children like you do. It is a violation of God’s Word to carry them off to some day care when God has given this responsibility to you. Nothing can take the place of the home. If the home fails, the church and country fail also.

The Scripture must be our final authority on this subject. Please remember what was written in the first century is just as true today as it

**Preachers are afraid to preach it.
Christians are afraid to live it.
Children suffer from it.**



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***"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ,
and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."
Acts 16:31***

The **RICHIES** OF GRACE

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"hath appeared to all men." Titus 2:11

Keepers at Home

"That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed."

Titus 2:4-5

Every Christian has a special place given to them by their Creator. Our heart’s desire should be to find that place and abide therein, for this is the perfect will of God.

According to recent U. S. Census Statistics (1996), “women in record numbers are forgoing childbearing, choosing personal freedom and careers to fill their lives.” (Taken from a local newspaper).

A WOMAN’S PLACE

The Bible clearly teaches that women are to be keepers at home, that the Word of God be not blasphemed. According to **Titus 2:1**, the Apostle Paul calls this truth sound doctrine. So we are on solid ground as we discuss this issue. The Word of God is plain and yet millions ignore this basic truth. The Lord has given each of us a position, place and ministry in life. As long as we abide in that place we are pleasing to God, but when we step out of our place and ministry, we blaspheme God’s Holy Word. The word blaspheme means to speak against. So, by her actions she speaks against God’s Holy Word in not being a keeper at home. From the beginning, the woman is called a helpmate and the man is called the provider. As the weaker vessel (**I Peter 3:1-7**), why would a woman want to subject herself to the pressures of this world? The home is a place of protection for her and her children.

Please consider the following article taken from the AFA Journal 1995: “By the year 2000, it is estimated that 3 out of 4 children will have mothers who work outside the home. Between 1981 and 1991 the percentage of women who went back to work before the baby’s first birthday leaped 60 percent to represent more than half of all new mothers. In 1976, 19 percent of births were to women in their 30’s. By 1991, that number rose to 33 percent. Because women in their 30’s are more likely to have careers, there has been a dramatic increase in the need for daily, long term child care. Currently, 5.7 million children, ages 3-5 receive care and education from people other than their parents. The council of chief state school officers report that 10 million preschool children need child care, while an additional 13 million school children need after school care.”

A WOMAN’S PURPOSE

According to Scripture, a woman has a very special and honored calling. God has given her a ministry like no other. First, she is to be a helpmate to her husband. She is to become a

partner with him in helping him fulfill his commission (**Genesis 2:18-25**). Secondly, she is to bear children and guide the home according to **I Timothy 2:8-15** and **I Timothy 5:14**. If she obeys this command there will be no time to work outside the home. In order to fulfill her ministry properly, she is told to be a keeper at home. This is not an option, it is a command.

The woman plays a tremendous role in the production of a godly seed for the kingdom of God. As it has been said, “The home is the seminary of all other institution” and “the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world”.

John Welsey said, “I learned more about Christianity from my mother than from all the theologians of England!”

Women who have left the home to go into the work place have contributed to divorce, delinquent children, confusion, and heartache.

Greed and covetousness have deceived many and has permeated throughout our society affecting families in a dramatic way. It is a lie to say a family can not live on the husband’s income. The problem today is that we want too much. I know of many families living on one income and several of them not making much more than minimum wage and supporting a wife and children. I have provided the needs of my family for over 20 years. As a pastor, our family has lived on less than what the average church member makes and God has provided every need. It is time to get back to Gods way and seek His will.

A WOMAN’S PRIZE

The most beautiful woman in the world is the woman who loves and obeys God’s Word. We all must stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ and give an account of how we served God. A woman’s rewards will be based on her home, husband and children, not on how many degrees she has. She will not be rewarded for the career she sought outside the home or to how many societies she belonged.

There will be a judgment day. In order for a woman to qualify for God’s beauty pageant she must be obedient to His precious Word. God praises the housewife. Is there any wonder the devil hates this