

## FACTS AND STATISTICS

✦ Since the 1970's, women have surged past men both in terms of college enrollment and in degrees rewarded. Women now earn the majority of associates, bachelors, and masters degrees.

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✦ 86% of working women surveyed in 2007 said that they wanted to be a stay-at-home mom if they could afford it.

✦ In 1950, 70% of households in America consisted of a full-time working father, a stay at home mother and one or more school age children. In 1979, this was only true in 14% of the homes.

✦ 60% of children today live in a single parent home.

✦ Daycare Centers are one of the fastest growing industries in America. In 1960, there were 150,000 and today it is over 2 million, and today many churches are providing this service.

✦ Sizes of families are smaller today. In the 50's there was an average of 4 children in the home and today it is 2 or less.

✦ The average age of getting married in the 60's was 21, today it is 26.

✦ 3 out of 4 children have a mother who works outside the home.

# The RICHIES

OF GRACE

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

## Working Women

*"Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates."*

**Proverbs 31:31**

### + A Woman's Work Place +

This article is a defense of women being "*keepers at home*" (**Titus 2:5**). The issue before us is not whether a woman should work, but where she should work. Every individual, whether male or female, is created by God to labor in His kingdom. Even in paradise our first parents were given a vocation (**Genesis 2:15**). Work brings health, happiness, and stability to those who are engaged in it. To work is to imitate our Creator (**Genesis 2:1-2**) and to escape work is to defy Him. From the beginning of creation the woman is called a helpmeet showing that her mission or vocation is not the same as the man. She is most happy and fulfilled when she abides in the calling that God has given her.

*"Is shut up this looking-glass for ladies, which they are desired to open and dress themselves by. And if they do, so, their adorning will be found to praise, and honor, and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ."*

**- From the notes by Matthew Henry on Proverbs 31**



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

This article will discuss three consequences of women working outside the home. In the modern times in which we live, women in record numbers are forgoing childbearing and choosing careers. This is in direct violation of God's Word.

### **SHE DISOBEYS HER LORD**

The command to be "*keepers at home*" is given by the Lord Himself in **Titus 2:5**, "*To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.*" Also, in **I Timothy 5:14**, these instructions are given to young women, "*I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.*" If a woman refuses to be a "*keeper at home*" she blasphemes the Word of God, that is, through her actions she speaks against God's commandments. The Bible is clear that God's commandments are not grievous (**I John 5:2**) and if we love the Lord we will keep His commandments (**John 14:15**). The Bible says that obedience is better than sacrifice, **I Samuel 15:22-23** "*And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.*" The Lord rejected the multitude of His people's (Israel) sacrifices when they were in rebellion against His commandments, **Isaiah 1:11**, "*To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats.*" The entire chapter describes their sins and gives a call to repentance. Again, the Lord will not delight in all of our activities and business for Him when our hearts and hands are not clean. The Lord even rejected their prayers when they walked not in obedience to His Word, **verse 15**, "*And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.*"

### **SHE DAMAGES HER FAMILY**

It is impossible for a woman to work away from the home without neglecting her family.

FIRST, as a wife she cannot fulfill her marital duties as a companion and helpmeet to her husband (**Genesis 2:18**). She cannot fulfill his needs properly when God's established order is rejected. She actually spends more quality time with her boss than she does with her husband. Why would she

marry one man and then work for another? When a woman works outside the home, she places herself under the authority of someone else. This is not in harmony with God's Word and her role and function as a wife. Have you ever considered the fact that in the late 1800's the divorce rate in America was only about 5% and now it is 50%? Back then, most women found their employment as a keeper at home and now most work outside the home, something to think about.

SECOND, she neglects her children by being away from the home most of the time. Our society is over-run by latchkey kids and day care centers because moms are away from the home. No one else can take the place of a mother properly. When separated on a daily basis, there is less bonding between mother and child. The affections of the child are given to someone else. The mother cannot properly nurture, teach, and train the children. The mother misses all the first little cute things the child does. The mother will have regrets and will never redeem the lost time with her children.

THIRD, by working outside the home she has a second job which causes her to neglect herself. She will suffer spiritually, emotionally, and physically. She will find herself more tired, under pressure, and stressed. As the weaker vessel, the woman is not designed to deal with the competitive world on a daily basis (**I Peter 3:7**). She will be robbed of her virtue, innocence, and sweetness as a lady. God has given her a safe haven in which to perform her ministry; it is the home.

### **SHE DESTROYS HER TESTIMONY**

As a Christian, she sets a bad example for other women, causing them to stumble and doubt the Scriptures. Many women who have left the home to go into the workplace have contributed to divorce, delinquent children, heartache, and confusion. According to **Proverbs 7:11**, one evidence of an evil woman is that, ". . . *her feet abideth not in her house.*" By being in the wrong place, her soul is vexed daily with the world (**II Peter 2:7-8**). She cannot serve two masters, for she will either hate the one, and love the other; or else she will hold to the one, and despise the other. Her affections will be torn between home and career. She will develop an independent spirit, self-reliant attitude, and a covetous heart. She cannot be a good testimony, and in a lot of cases, she will assume a man's role as the provider (**I Timothy 5:8**).

Remember, the angels are watching (**I Corinthians 11:10**) and we will give an account to God one day for our lives (**Romans 14:10**).