

THE CHRISTIAN WOMAN AS A MOTHER

INTRODUCTION:

- > A. Webster's first definition of "mother" is "a female parent, esp. one of the human race." Another definition is: "that which has produced or nurtured anything; source of birth or origin"
- > B. Thayer's Greek - English Lexicon suggest the word "mother" comes from a root word which means measure, but whether denoting the 'moulder' or 'manager' is debated. In his discussion one comes to understand that this word involves the idea of origination or producer along with the idea of caring for or providing a secure place
- > C. A study of this word shows that there is more involved in being a mother than just the ability to bear children.
- > D. Just as being a father involves grave responsibilities, so does being a mother. It takes a godly woman to be a mother in the real sense of the word.

DISCUSSION:

> I. ORPHANS WITH LIVING MOTHERS

- > A. Motherhood begins at conception Psa 139:13-16
 1. If a woman is unwilling to be a mother in the real sense, she should refrain from bearing children
 2. Just because a woman is fertile and able to bear children does not make her a real mother
- > B. As some children with living fathers are in practicality orphans, so are some children with living mothers
 1. The mother is never there for the child when needed
 2. As far as the child is concerned the mother might as well be dead.
 3. Some children are literally deserted and some are in practicality deserted, because of mother's absence
- > 4. How mothers can abandon their children through abortion I'll never know
 - > a. According to figures I have there is a baby aborted every minute
 - > b. To date have been over 30 million abortions, more than were killed in all the wars beginning with the revolutionary war, to the present
- 5. Motherhood involves very serious responsibilities
- > C. It takes work and sacrifice to be a good mother. Prov 31:28

> II. MOTHERS MUST DISCIPLINE ALSO

- > A. I looked again at passages in proverbs & noticed that in many of them there was no gender of parent indicated Prov 19:18; 22:6; 1:8,9; 29:15,17; 22:15; 23:13,14
 1. Remember correction is a proof of love Heb 12:5-11 mothers are to be taught to love their children Tit 2:4
 2. If undisciplined your child is not loved

3. "Spare the rod and spoil the child" also to mothers .
 4. Children obey your parents, means both mother and father Eph 6:1,2
- > B. Effective correction is not done by the "rod" alone
 1. Timothy's mother and grandmother instilled in Timothy the faith that they had 2Tim 1:5
 2. Mothers must recognize their responsibility to impart spiritual knowledge to their children
- ### > III. BABY-SITTERS - SUBSTITUTE MOTHERS
- > A. Some quotes from Graham B Blaine Jr. M.D. "Are Parents Bad For Children"
 - > 1. "The liberation movement threatens the traditional family by challenging women to leave home and fulfill themselves through full-time participation in jobs of the professions bypassing their role as child bearers and rearers. "
 - > 2. By relegating these functions to a lesser priority, the movement is discouraging women from having children and encouraging those who do choose to become mothers to delegate more and more of the responsibility for their upbringing to nursery schools and day care centers."
 - > B. Moses was raised by a "baby-sitter" or nurse Ex 2:7-10
 1. He was learned in all wisdom of Egyptians Acts 7:22
 2. However, his nurse - his mother (baby-sitter) had the greater influence on his life Ex 2:11,12; Acts 7:23-29
 3. This illustrates to us the tremendous influence that is exercised over a child in their formative years
 4. So, if a child is basically raised by an unbeliever, what will be the results?
- ### > IV. SONS NEED MOTHERS TOO
- > A. Boys do not need to be made into "Mama's boys" or sissies they need to be made into real men - godly men
 - > B. To do this, they do need the influence of a godly mother
 - > 1. From their mothers thy learn the kind of woman they need for a wife
 - > 2. From their mothers they learn the responsibilities of a wife and what they should expect from their wives

CONCLUSION:

- > A. Truly "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world."
- > B. Mothers need to realize the tremendous impact and influence they have in the lives of their children.
- > C. Mothers need to get back to the business of being mothers instead of trying to be career-women and competing for the responsibilities that belong to the man.
- > D. Again, I am not necessarily condemning women/mothers who work outside the home, but I am issuing a word of warning and hope you will recognize your greater responsibility.

