

Titus 2:5 – “...Workers at Home”

Defined:

NIV – “to be busy at home”

NKJV, HCSB – “homemakers”

ESV – “working at home”

KJV – “keepers at home”

AMP – “makers of a home (where God is honored)”

Greek – OIKOURGOS – “workers at home”

OIKOUROS – “watching or keeping the home”

I. Building your home

Proverbs 14:1 – *The wise woman builds her house, but the foolish tears it down with her own hands.*

Proverbs 24:3,4 – *By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; and by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.*

II. How do we build this kind of home?

A. Atmosphere of welcome and refuge

Proverbs 18:10 – *The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runs into it and is safe.* Build a refuge for your family – a safe place. Our homes are not for the purpose of impressing others.

Proverbs 17:1 – *Better is a dry morsel and quietness with it than a house full of feasting with strife.* Value of a home is not based on its size or furnishings.

Proverbs 21:9 – *It is better to live in a corner of a roof than in a house shared with a contentious woman.*

“contentious” – *Webster’s Dictionary* “exhibiting an often perverse and wearisome tendency to quarrels and disputes...”

What kind of atmosphere is in my home? Is it a battleground or a place of refuge?

B. Home a priority

Proverbs 31:27 – *She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.*

Househelp – help with physical care of house under your training and supervision. Not responsible for training children. You decide duties. Children should treat her with courtesy and respect.

Working outside of home – done with husband’s agreement and because income is needed for family. Family is still priority over career. Be careful with time commitments to church, extended family, other activities. They can be equal to having a job.

Proverbs 7:11 – *She is boisterous and rebellious, her feet do not remain at home.*

(This is describing an immoral woman – not the role model we want to follow.)

Try to consolidate errands so you can have at least one day/week at home for projects and so that small children can have a quiet day at home.

Plan to always be at home:

- For dinner (and to prepare it the way your husband prefers)

- For homework/bedtime with children

- For evenings – to be with husband, planning/prep time

- For family events – weekly play time with children, special events

Proverbs 31:12 – *She does him good and not evil all the days of her life*

C. Hard work

Proverbs 31:15 – *She rises also while it is still night and gives food to her household and portions (literally “prescribed tasks”) to her maidens.*

She is industrious, not lazy.

Proverbs 31:13-31 -

The godly woman described in this passage:

- Works with her hands to make things for her home

- Shops for her family’s food

- Engages in real estate

- Takes care of herself physically

- Helps the poor

- Cares for family’s clothing needs

- Businesswoman – sells what she makes

- She supports her husband, contributes to his good reputation

- Cares for family- good relationship with husband/children (they bless her)

These were a lifetime of achievements--not all happened daily--but they were indicative of how she lived her life and the priority she gave to building her home.