



*Preparing Children for
Life's Responsibilities*

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Mothers of Young Adults Track

*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your might.
Deuteronomy 6:5*

A God-honoring life is the essential
foundation for success in all aspects of life
(success according to God).

What can we do and where do we start?

- Prayer

- Show them how to walk with God daily



Marriage

- Marriage is not a problem solver

- Marriage is not for our happiness but for God's glory

- Teach them God's design for marriage, the home, and the family
 - Marriage is a life-long commitment to God and to each other (Matthew 19:6). Within the home...
 - Husband submits to God
 - Wife submits to husband
 - Children submit to parents (Ephesians 5:22-6:1)

- Teach them purity

- Exemplify modesty in the home

- Teach them godly virtues

Daughters

Titus 2:4-5

- Excellent behavior
- Uplifting speech
- Self-discipline
- Love your husband
- Love your children
- Discreet
- Chaste
- Homemakers
- Kind
- Submissive—subject to their own husbands
- WHY????—so that the word of God will not be dishonored

Proverbs 31:10-31

10 An excellent wife, who can find? For her worth is far above jewels.

11 The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.

12 She does him good and not evil all the days of her life.

13 She looks for wool and flax and works with her hands in delight.

14 She is like merchant ships; She brings her food from afar.

15 She rises also while it is still night and gives food to her household and portions to her maidens.

16 She considers a field and buys it; From her earnings she plants a vineyard.

17 She girds herself with strength and makes her arms strong.

18 She senses that her gain is good; Her lamp does not go out at night.

19 She stretches out her hands to the distaff, and her hands grasp the spindle.

20 She extends her hand to the poor, and she stretches out her hands to the needy.

21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household, for all her household are clothed with scarlet.

22 She makes coverings for herself; Her clothing is fine linen and purple.

23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sits among the elders of the land.

25 Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she smiles at the future.

26 She opens her mouth in wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

27 She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.

28 Her children rise up and bless her; Her husband also, and he praises her, saying:

29 "Many daughters have done nobly, but you excel them all."

30 Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the

31 Give her the product of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

- Committed--
 - To the Lord v.30
 - To her husband v. 11
 - To her family v.28
- Competent v. 13-27
- Communicative v. 26
- Compassionate

Sons

Titus 2:6-8

- Sensible
- Good deeds
- Pure doctrine
- Dignified
- Sound speech
- Irreproachable

I Timothy 6:11 ...pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness

II Timothy 2:15 Be diligent...

II Timothy 2:22 Flee from youthful lusts

Proverbs—full of admonitions

Ruth—referencing qualities of Boaz

- Pray consistently for their future spouse.

These prayers would be the same as those for your own children.

- To come to know Christ at an early age
- To develop a deep love for God
- To develop Christ-like character
- To keep themselves pure
- That God would protect them
- etc.

Practical things to teach your daughters

- Cooking
- Meal planning
- Sewing
- Housekeeping
- Laundry
- Entertaining
- Filing and record keeping

Practical things to teach your sons

- How to handle finances
- Work ethic
- Car upkeep
- Tools and their use 😊
- Care of his mother and sisters
- Budgeting
- Responsibility and care of a home
- How to cook and how to sew on a button or sew a hem!



For the Possibility of Singleness

- Singleness is not an inferior position in God's estimation (1 Corinthians 7:32-35) It is a privileged calling for an indefinite period of time.
- Parents haven't failed if their children don't marry.
- The same character qualities should be taught and desired whether single or married.
- Isaiah 56:3-5 *Nor let the eunuch say, 'Behold, I am a dry tree.' For thus says the Lord, 'To the eunuchs who keep My sabbaths, and choose what pleases Me, and hold fast My covenant, to them I will give in My house and within My walls a memorial, and a name better than that of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name which will not be cut off.'*

- I Corinthians 7:17 *Only, as the Lord has assigned to each one, as God has called each, in this manner let him walk.*

Let us be content in God's calling. Do the next thing, and wait patiently for Him. Contentedly.



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