

# When mommy is not home

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### INTRODUCTION:

#### A. The lessons from this series:

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#### B. The theme of the wife as a homemaker, or stay home mom ("workers at home", Titus 2:5) is a theme that provokes strong reactions in many today.

1. It was a controversial theme for Titus (see **Titus 2:15**).
2. It is a sensitive, controversial theme today also, even when we have the following special cases:
  - a. The widow
  - b. The woman bachelor
  - c. The divorce woman (without a husband to sustain the family)
  - d. The necessity of more economic support to fulfill the necessities of the family
    - 1) Debt or medical payments, etc
3. The excuses:
  - a. The boredom of staying home
  - b. The wife wants to feel "realized (fulfilled)"
  - c. For the wife who wants to discovered who she is in reality
4. Lack of example
  - a. The young ladies do not see the good example of the art to be a stay home mom, a homemaker.
  - b. Some young ladies preferred to stay home to help or work around the house, but often they are pressured by the family or other Christians to go out to the world to seek for a secular job.

**C. God has designed the family; He knows better than we what it really works.**

1. Once again see (Titus 2:4-5)
2. Also see (1 Timothy 5:14)

**D. What problems arise when mom is not at home? (This is when the wife does not want to be “workers at home”). Let us consider five problems:**

1. It produces more tension at home
2. Hospitality is hindered
3. Evangelism is impeded
4. Benevolence is obstructed
5. It foments lack of respect to the word of God

**I. IT PRODUCES MORE TENSION AT HOME**

**A. When mom is not home because of secular work it leaves little time to spend time with her husband.**

1. The husband often will be discontent when he arrives at home just only to find nobody to greet him and an empty dining table.
2. After a hard day’s work at the office she returns home too tired to have a conversation with the husband to share with him her joy and concerns, or her daily events.

**B. She is tempted to feel more independent**

1. She has her money and he has his money
2. She does not need the husband to provide for the family (1 Timothy 5:8). The husband cannot count with his wife to “govern the house” (1 Timothy 5:14).

**C. The children are the ones who suffer the most.**

1. They are raised by others without the training only a mother and father can give. They have their own house keys to leave and lock the house and to come home alone. Could this be the love that the Bible teaches and it is mentioned in Titus 2:4, or could it be selfishness?
2. When the parents get home usually the parents are too tired to give them the correct attention.

**II. HOPITALITY IS HINDERED**

**A. What the Bible says:**

1. Romans 12:13
2. See (1 Timothy 3:2, read), it is a necessary quality to have specially for the one who wants to be an elder, but how can a young marriage couple attained this goal if it is not practice right now?

**B. What hospitality requires:**

1. Cleaning and preparation of the home
2. Attention to the purchase of food, etc.
3. The preparation of the food
4. Cleaning after
5. Other details

**C. Young people who are Christians need to be together in Christians homes (not only in Pizza Hut, bowling alley, etc.)**

**III. EVANGELISM IS IMPEDED**

**A. Many of the Bible studies may come from some already having studied with a person in their homes.**

**B. In the last years it seems that we have lost the strength of pious woman:**

1. Of those who are dedicated to study the Scriptures to become excellent Bible students.

2. Of those who would have the good will to teach the word of God to their neighbor or those who will arrange the Bible study for someone else to teach the class.
- C. The homes of today that are pressure by the business of their life style find it inconvenient to set up time, a night a week to arrange a Bible study with their friends and or neighbors.**

#### **IV. BENEVOLANCE IS OBSTRUCTED**

- A. Today in our day, who has the time to...**
1. Sew for the poor?
  2. Cook for the man who is in need or sick?
  3. Visit those who are sick in the hospitals or to help the sick?
- B. Where are the Dorcas of today?**
1. See (Acts 9:36-39)
  2. Mom does not have time to stitch back the button to the shirt of one of the members of the family, neither will she have time to sew for the poor!

#### **V. IT FOMENTS LACK OF RESPECT TO THE WORD OF GOD**

- A. For the preachers who have wives with careers working on secular jobs will NOT have nothing to say with respect to these passages (many of have lost the control over their own families).**
- B. The same thing can be said about the elders with similar circumstances**
- C. The teachers of Bible classes need to be careful**
1. In certain congregations by simply asking the following question, "what does it mean to be workers at home? (Titus 2:5)" The teacher should be prepared to protect himself.
  2. Some sisters with secular careers and that hold secular jobs may attack the teacher and try to justify their position of NOT being a "worker at home" supported by other members of the congregation.
  3. The teacher will hear all kinds of explanations to the question stated and will not hear a clear Biblical explanation on what the text says!
- D. Notice the following passage in the Bible (Jeremiah 36:23), should our attitude by such as the king of Judah Jehoiakim as he burned the word of God (pages of the word of God) because he did not liked what it say?**

#### **CONCLUSION:**

- A. A sad testimony of our times is the response we often hear many times over the phone, "I am sorry, but my mother she is not here right now she is at work"**
- B. We need preachers, elders and teachers that will teach with boldness what God says with regards to this topic.**
- C. We need for the elder mature and experience woman to teach the young ladies, woman and young mothers to be an example to them and to others when they follow what the word of God in Titus 2:5.**
- D. Even for those sisters who do not have a secular career outside their home, it is convenient to examine themselves to see if they are fulfilling their responsibilities in the following matter:**
1. Are you helping for the unity and growth of your family?
  2. From your kitchen does it come out hospitality towards others?
  3. How many Bible studies have you had at the table of your home?
  4. Has benevolence has come from your house?

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