

## Sunday School Series: The Home

### Lesson Fourteen: What is the Responsibility of the Wife in the Home?

Text: Titus 2:1-6

Memory Verse: Genesis 2:18

#### II. What are the aged women to teach?

- A. To be sober.
- B. To love their husbands.
- C. To love their children.
- D. To be discreet. (vs. 5)

E. To be \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 5)

This word chaste has \_\_\_\_\_ different aspects. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
The whole idea is that of \_\_\_\_\_. Young women are to be taught to be \_\_\_\_\_ and taught to be self- \_\_\_\_\_. The teaching that must be presented to young ladies (young men as well) that \_\_\_\_\_ relationships are for after the \_\_\_\_\_ vows and only with your \_\_\_\_\_.  
The teaching of \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.

E. \_\_\_\_\_ at Home (vs. 5)

How times have changed. With the beginning of World War II the life of American \_\_\_\_\_ and Western women in general has forever changed. Up until the \_\_\_\_\_ of the 20<sup>th</sup> century no \_\_\_\_\_ person would ever question whether a woman's place was in the \_\_\_\_\_. It was just \_\_\_\_\_.

The first \_\_\_\_\_ of the colony of Massachusetts, in the new world, stated a \_\_\_\_\_ woman could hold no \_\_\_\_\_ of her own. When she became a \_\_\_\_\_, she gave up everything to her \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ herself exclusively to \_\_\_\_\_ his household. Her duty was to \_\_\_\_\_ at home, \_\_\_\_\_ their children, keeping and \_\_\_\_\_ what was obtained by the industry of the man. Now I realize that this was strictly \_\_\_\_\_ law, but it was also the \_\_\_\_\_ thought of the day. Though is distorted the Scriptures as to the woman's position in the home it did properly portray her as the homemaker.

But since the 1940's many \_\_\_\_\_ and a few men have had a \_\_\_\_\_ about this idea that a woman's \_\_\_\_\_ is in her \_\_\_\_\_. Even \_\_\_\_\_ corrector's

in order to make this \_\_\_\_\_ more palatable have changed what the original \_\_\_\_\_ stated. In the \_\_\_\_\_, the verse states “\_\_\_\_\_ at home.” The \_\_\_\_\_ says “\_\_\_\_\_ in their homes.” Those have been interpreted as she should not be \_\_\_\_\_ or derelict in fulfilling her \_\_\_\_\_ duties. In other words “keepers at home” does not \_\_\_\_\_ the married woman’s calling – it is simply a \_\_\_\_\_ or admonition to not forget her \_\_\_\_\_ duties. Thus a woman could \_\_\_\_\_ a career outside the home as long as she \_\_\_\_\_ her homely duties.

But the originals show that a \_\_\_\_\_ at home is that a married woman is to be \_\_\_\_\_. The phrase “keepers at home” is the \_\_\_\_\_ word **oikouros**. This word is derived from \_\_\_\_\_ Greek words. **Oikos** means a \_\_\_\_\_, a dwelling, a household, or a \_\_\_\_\_. The second \_\_\_\_\_ is the word **ouros** and refers to a \_\_\_\_\_ or guardian. Thus the word **oikouros** could be also \_\_\_\_\_ translated \_\_\_\_\_.

Now, this instruction is for the wife who especially has young children. The Bible is not saying that the wife cannot pursue interests outside the home. The newly married woman may go for years without children or never have children and if and when she does have children and they are grown she may have the time to pursue other interests. The **Proverbs 31** woman was industrious, innovative, imaginative and her work in the home often took her out of the home, but one thing is said of her, “*She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and praiseth her*” (vs. 27-28).

The married woman has \_\_\_\_\_ specific roles.

1. A \_\_\_\_\_. **Gen 2:18** – “And the LORD God said, *It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him*”
2. To \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ children.

**Gen 1:28** – “And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish [fill] the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.”

3. To \_\_\_\_\_ the home.

**1 Timothy 5:14** – “I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.”

For the woman to \_\_\_\_\_ these duties, she must be a \_\_\_\_\_ at home.