

Week Ten

Busy At Home

Titus 2:5

1. The Greek word for busy at home is 'OIKOUROS' from 'OIKOS' – house and OUROS – keeper. It means a keeper of the home, one who looks after domestic affairs with prudence and care. Give a job description of a “keeper of the home” today, listing all responsibilities.

2. Why do women become ashamed and defensive about being a homemaker? How do you feel about this role? How do you think God feels about this role? Support your answer with scripture.

3. Read Proverbs 31:10-31. Make a list of the things this woman did as she managed her home.

Who were the beneficiaries of her labors? How did each benefit?

4. Read Genesis 1:26-28 and 2:15-20. What work did God give to man?

What was God doing while Adam was naming the animals?

Was the charge to work, before or after the temptation and fall of man?

How does God view work? (Genesis 1:31)

Read Genesis 3:16-19. How was our work affected by the “fall of man”?

What applications can you make to your work from this?

5. What does God require from our work?

Proverbs 22:29

Colossians 3:23

Exodus 20:9,10

Psalms 128:2

Ecclesiastes 3:10-15

Ecclesiastes 5:12

6. A Christian home is a powerful “show and tell” tool. It is possible that these homes have won more Christian converts than preachers. From these scriptures what are our homes to be like?

John 6:11

John 14:2-3

Romans 14:17

Revelation 21:27

Matthew 9:11

Psalms 16:11

Jeremiah 21:3

Hebrews 12:7-10

Romans 8:31

How can you make your home more Christ-like?

- 7. As a Christian wife, our primary responsibility is to be “keepers of the home.” The breakdown of the home and marriage can frequently be traced to women leaving this God-ordained role. From the following circle valid reasons for a Christian woman to be employed outside her home:**

vacation

second car

make ends meet

intellectual stimulation

be with friends

pay off debts

new furniture

sole support of the family

private school

child’s college

pursuit of significance

unusual medical bills

good use of education/talents

personal fulfillment

other

- 8. Sometimes the role of homemaker seems thankless, tiring and never-ending. How would 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 and Galatians 6:9-10 help these thoughts?**

- 9. What warnings does the Bible give us to heed as we keep our homes?**

2 Thessalonians 3:11-12

Biblical Womanhood

1 Timothy 5:8

1 Timothy 5:13

What specific applications can you make to your life from this study?