

WIVES AND MOTHERS FOR BETTER FAMILIES

Our topic for this “Mother’s Day” is: “Wives and Mothers for Better Families.” There are many families which are **not** “better”, because there is adultery in the relationship, or there is confusion and strife between parents. I once visited a mother who was threatening suicide because her 15 year son was arrested for burglarizing a school. Present in the visit was her “live-in” boyfriend and daughter who used drugs. But, in **normal** families, **wives and mothers** fill a great role in creating joy and happiness in the home. Now, let's consider “Wives and Mothers for Better Families.

1st, let's consider the role of WIVES for better families. The word “togetherness” is a key word for wives who want a happy home. Being a wife involves **personal togetherness** for a lifetime. In making a decision to marry, it should be for **life**. Gen.2:18, 24 Wives and husbands should do things together, as much as time and opportunity provides. Being a wife also involves **sexual togetherness** with the husband and no one else—as God has ordained (1 Cor. 7:1-5) The “bed” privilege is honorable ONLY in the framework of a scriptural marriage of husband and wife. God made male and female in His plan for marriage (Matt. 19:4-5). Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled, implying that sex outside of marriage is not honorable (Heb. 13:4). The wise wife recognizes that sometimes her husband's needs may be stronger than hers, but she must not allow her work in or out of the home tire her so much that she neglects the love bond. Many times in mid-life when love at home gets stale, husbands or wives seek satisfaction outside the home, creating the ONLY grounds for one mate divorcing and marrying another. (Matt. 5:28; 19:9). Marriage is the only honorable way of bringing children into the world. Mothers have a great influence in bearing children and guiding the “home” (1 Tim. 5:14).

Being a wife also involves **spiritual togetherness**, in worshipping God, training children properly, and preparing for heaven. Marriage itself does not continue in eternity, for it is an earthly relationship. (Matt. 22:23-30). However, godly husbands and wives are “heirs together” of a heavenly home (1 Pet. 3:1-7). Wives, is the **togetherness** YOU have and enjoy, the kind that makes for a good marriage and a happy home?

2nd, let's consider the role of MOTHERS for better families. When we talk about “mothers”, we are **not** talking about a different group of women, but **wives** who have become mothers. The practice of Hollywood (by their acting and film-making) is (1) Live together, (2) Have babies, (3) Get married *sometimes*, then, (4) Get divorced, and then start the cycle again, and again. Being TV and MOVIE watchers, our young people are putting these examples into practice, and they are accepted by too many. The Ratio of children born in fornication is increasing rapidly.

Several years ago, an actress named **Ingred Bergman** (the wife of a Hollywood physician), went to Italy on a film making trip, got sexually involved with a film director, became pregnant and lost her husband. She was banned from Hollywood for 7 years, and was officially denounced by the U.S. Senate. *How times have changed*, as NOW such conduct is seldom criticized and is acceptable, but GOD does not accept it, and calls it “fornication”, declaring that those who practice it are lost.

America now openly practices and encourages what is called "abortion," where **any** woman can have her unborn child taken from her womb and be killed at most any time in her pregnancy. This was legalized in 1973, and some 60 million babies have been killed in this manner. These babies are said to be part of the woman, and she has the right to do what she wants to with her body. However, these babies have their own bodies, hearts and blood types, and are separate human beings. Sometimes these babies are BOY babies, so would that mean that the woman is part "male" as well as being "female"? God hates the practice of shedding innocent blood, and so should we.

Positively, mothers can contribute a lot to the betterment of families, and do indeed make this contribution where better families exist. Mothers are a guiding factor to children who do good. They are to **teach** their children the word of the Lord as they grow up, In 2 Tim. 3:14-15, Paul spoke of the fact that Timothy had known the scriptures from his youth, though his father was a Gentile and surely cared nothing about the Jewish scriptures. Yet, Timothy knew the scriptures from his youth. The clue to this is stated in 2 Tim. 1:5, that faith was first in his grandmother Lois, then in Eunice his mother, and finally in Timothy. See the connection?

Women are to be a part of the process of correcting and disciplining children when they are unruly and go astray. When mothers smoke, drink, use drugs, dress immodestly, and freely divorced and remarry, they can expect their children to do no better. Mothers, what **kind** of mother are you today? If you are not a Christian, or not a godly mother, you can correct that, beginning this very hour. If you are not a Christian, you need to put the Lord on in baptism and make Him a part of your life.

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