

Biblically speaking, there are no exceptions or exemptions for a father when it comes to overseeing family responsibilities. This does not mean, of course, that he is to do all the work, but ultimately he is responsible to make sure that all members of his family are loved, cared for, encouraged, and taught God's truth. In turn, he is responsible for each person to function properly (according to age levels) within this God-ordained social unit.

Gene Getz

A famous cigarette billboard pictures a curly-headed, bronze-faced, muscular macho with a cigarette hanging out the side of his mouth. The sign says, "Where a man belongs." That is a lie. Where a man belongs is at the bedside of his children, leading in devotion and prayer. Where a man belongs is leading his family to the house of God. Where a man belongs is up early and alone with God seeking vision and direction for the family.

John Piper

The woman who makes a sweet, beautiful home, filling it with love and prayer and purity, is doing something better than anything else her hands could find to do beneath the skies. A true mother is one of the holiest secrets of home happiness. God sends many beautiful things to this world, many noble gifts; but no blessing is richer than that which He bestows in a mother who has learned love's lessons well, and has realized something of the meaning of her sacred calling.

J.R. Miller

The idea that women should not hold jobs is false. In Proverbs 31 we see a prominent city elder's wife who does. The key to whether a job is fitting or not lies solely in whether the job helps or hinders her family.

Jay Adams

One expression in Titus 2 deserves special notice. It is the word *homemakers*. . . . It suggests that a married woman's first duty is to her own family, in her own household. Managing her own home should be her primary employment, her first task, her most important job, and her true career.

John MacArthur

Modesty: Don't leave uncovered anything you'd be embarrassed having your pastor touch!

Paul Friesen

Home Matters

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Joshua 24:14.15; Selected Scriptures

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Fear the Lord ... Serve the Lord
Sincerity and Truth

The Man of the House

Stepping up to lead
Setting standards
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- Finances:
- Children

The Woman and the Home

Keeping the home: *industry and creativity*
Keeping yourself: *beauty and modesty*

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Kids Notes

Marriage Matters

The Questions

Answer the following questions. The answers are on the back.

1. *In the home, the responsibility of leadership belongs to:*

- A. the husband and father.
- B. the landlord.
- C. the children
- D. all of the above.

2. *The Lordship of Jesus Christ means that:*

- A. He is the boss over every area of our lives.
- B. He only cares about the big things of life.
- C. He was given a nice title after dying on the cross.
- D. all of the above.

3. *Parents should raise their kids to be:*

- A. Righteous.
- B. Respectful of people and things.
- C. Ready to live lives that bring glory to God in all things.
- D. all of the above

For Family Discussion: *In Joshua 24:14,15, what does it mean to "serve God in sincerity and truth" as a family?*

Space to Doodle

Did You Hear It?

Mark the times you hear these key words:

MODESTY _____	TOTAL: _____
HOME _____	_____
STANDARDS _____	_____
LEADERSHIP _____	_____
BEAUTY _____	_____
LORDSHIP _____	_____

Word Search

Find the following words in the scramble below. Letters are sometimes used twice, and words may go around corners.

MODESTY HOME STANDARDS LEISURE ENTERTAINMENT FAITH
LEADERSHIP BEAUTY MAN WOMAN LORDSHIP CHRIST JESUS SIN
FAITHFULNESS SINCERITY GODLINESS CLAIM TRUTH SERVE FEAR
NORTHPOINT DRESS KEEP CULTURE HOLINESS

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H J P Q A G R E M E M J O T F F S
O E H T U R T N K O R Z Z G A T D
L S I H B G V T D T F U N I S L R
I U P I H S R E D A E L T I W E A
N S Y M U S S R N D C H R L M I D
E X T A I T G T J Y F H C O U G N
S M U N Y Z N A T U C H H N J C A
S F A I T H C I L E R U S I E L T
E O E E O L R N O O W E F E A R S
R N B F A E E M K P R O V X G W K
D D M I C S W M Q E H D M R D T I
M X M N S W H E B X E T S A E U B
O N I Y P Y N N S I F P R H N S U
Y S U P J B Z T H S I S A O I F B
B G O D L I N E S S J Y O O N P B
    
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