

BE BUSY AT HOME

Titus 2:4-5

- A. "Busy at home" in the Greek means someone who guards the dwelling or is a keeper of the household.
1. Col. 3:23-24, 1 Cor. 15:58
 2. Pr. 14:1
- B. It's our job as wife and mother to create a happy, comfortable place for our family to live. Four
1. **Create atmosphere** (Ro. 12:10-13)
 - a) Pray daily
 - b) Be daily in God's Word, allowing God to match my heart to His (Pr. 15:1, 13; 12:25;Ja. 3:18)
 - c) Memorize God's Word and work it into everyday conversations
 - d) Keep praise music on in the house (Col. 3:16)
 - e) Talk to your family of God's goodness to you and them
 - f) Be cheerful; optimistic; smile (Ps. 118:24)
 - g) Set good examples for your husband and children

APPLICATIONS: List some household tasks you have difficulty accomplishing with a joyful spirit. What are some practical ways for making these more fun?

2. Invite others in

Hospitality= warm entertainment of others; sharing without expecting anything in return (Tit. 1:8, Ro. 12:13)

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Giver</u>	<u>Receiver</u>	<u>Givers blessing</u>
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*Gen. 12:1-8	Abraham	3 angels	Sarah to bear son
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To whom are we to offer hospitality?

*foreigners

*hungry, poor, family

*hungry, thirsty, prisoners, ill, strangers

*fellow believers

*missionaries

What are some character qualities of a hospitable woman?

- Mt. 20:26-27
- 1 Cor. 13:4-8
- Col:23
- Pr. 11:16
- Jo. 2:1-4
- Pr. 11:24-25
- 1 Pt. 4:9

3. Build a refuge

A. Definition of refuge=shelter or protection from danger or distress

A refuge is not ...Pr. 7:11

Pr. 14:1, 25:24

A refuge is...Pr. 31:12

Pr. 31:15

Pr. 31:26

Pr. 31:27

B. Working outside the home vs. being at home

APPLICATION:

Have I made my home a place of refuge? of warmth? of love? of peace? of acceptance? of joy? If not, what steps can I take, starting now, to make it so?

4. Manage and organize your time (Mt. 25:14-30, Pr. 31:27)

- a) Plan in detail
- b) Value each minute
- c) Develop a routine
- d) Ask, "Are there any shortcuts I could take?"
- e) Learn to say "no"
- f) Eliminate idleness

APPLICATION:

Carefully read the following verses which describe the character of a "home-lover". For each one, write down a practical action you can do to become more of a "home lover" wife and mother.

*Pr. 6:6-8

*Pr. 10:5

*Pr. 12:27

*Pr. 31:15