

Essential Quality #2: Love Their Children

Introduction:

The battle for women's rights, etc. is not a cultural, political, sociological or sexist issue. It is a Biblical issue, since God designed the roles of men and women.

The third overall priority for the young single woman to prepare for is to love her children.

1. What is the meaning of the phrase?
2. But why would Paul exhort the women to do something that would seem to be natural/automatic? (Kids are cute!)
 - a. Cultural Considerations
 - i. Raising children was considered a duty.
 - ii. Children were considered a burden.
 - iii. There was a lack of natural _____.
 - b. Contemporary Abuses
 - i. Abortion
 - ii. Sexual _____
 - iii. Runaways
 - iv. Latchkey kids
 - v. Day care centers
 - vi. Single parents
 - vii. Children born out of wedlock
3. How are they to love their children?

- a. Know the elements of a godly family.
 - b. Honor the role of a mother.
 - c. Practice the principles of mothering found in the Word of God.
 - d. Believe with a whole heart that mothering is the key to a healthy society and, even more importantly, to the influence that the next generation will have for the glory of God.
4. What should the response be to this exhortation?

For Women:

- a. Build a relationship with one, two or three _____ who have have young children.
- b. Learn to express love to _____ children.
- c. Pray about the _____ role, to honor and fulfill it.
- d. _____ other women in caring for their children.
- e. Pray for a husband who will be a great father.

For Men:

- f. Stop being _____ of children.
- g. Never belittle a woman for the attention she gives to children, even when she has to ignore you.
- h. Pray for a wife who will be an excellent mother.
- i. Esteem children highly, give them attention and protect them.
- j. Become the kind of _____ children should emulate.
- k. Be responsible now for spiritual leadership, diligence and sensitivity.