

Chapter 1 : Keepers of the Faith – Bringing Good Things to Your Family

Many women try to convince me that feminism is all about allowing women to have a "choice" in what they want to do with their lives. If they want to be keepers at home full time, then great!

A deity, especially the supreme Divinity; figuratively, a magistrate; by Hebraism, very. From blasphemos; to vilify; specially, to speak impiously. The sense of the passage is, however, little changed by the alteration. The meaning is clear, "Domi mansit lanam fecit. There should be no desire, no attempt, to go round to the other houses, and so contracting idle, gossiping habits. Hofmann thus sums up these directions to the young Christian women of Crete, "Gute Hausfrauen will der Apostel haben. Obedient to their own husbands. Women who really love their Master Christ should take care that, as far as in them lay, the law of subordination in the family to its rightful head should be strictly carried out. In a Church like that of Crete, made out of divided houses often, where the Christian wife was married to a Pagan husband, such a charge as this was especially needful. That the word of God be not blasphemed. There was, of course, the fear that wives, carried away by religious fervour, might neglect the plainer every-day duties for the seemingly loftier and more self-denying occupations included under the head of religious works. Such failure in every-day tasks would, of course, be bitterly charged on the religion of Christ, and the gospel would run the danger of being evil-spoken of, even in other than purely Pagan circles. But the reference extends over a broader area than that occupied by Christian mistresses of households. The idea of kindness or good nature seems to be the side of goodness here intended; as we say, "He was very good to me" so Matthew These identical words occur in 1 Peter 3: That the Word of God be not blasphemed see 1 Timothy 6: Paul complains that the Name of God was blasphemed among the Gentiles on account of the evil deeds of the Jews Romans 2: Our Lord, on the other hand, exhorts that Christians, by their good works, should lead men to glorify their Father which is in heaven. The passage before us shows how much the honor of Christianity is bound up with the faithful discharge by Christians of the simple domestic duties of life. In truth, the family is the chief seat, and often the main test, of Christian virtue, as it is the distinctive feature of humanity as ordained by God. Matthew Henry Commentary 2: That the aged men be sober; not thinking that the decays of nature will justify any excess; but seeking comfort from nearer communion with God, not from any undue indulgence. Aged persons are apt to be peevish and fretful; therefore need to be on their guard. Though there is not express Scripture for every word, or look, yet there are general rules, according to which all must be ordered. Young women must be sober and discreet; for many expose themselves to fatal temptations by what at first might be only want of discretion. The reason is added, that the word of God may not be blasphemed. Failures in duties greatly reproach Christianity. Young men are apt to be eager and thoughtless, therefore must be earnestly called upon to be sober-minded: Let thine own conscience answer for thine uprightness. What a glory is it for a Christian, when that mouth which would fain open itself against him, cannot find any evil in him to speak of!

Chapter 2 : Keepers at Home Club | Thankful Place

There is an article written called Is it Better For Moms to Stay at Home? I enjoyed the article until the author wrote about it being good and fine for mothers to work outside of the home even though she chose to be home with her children because she felt guilty while she was working.

Lori Alexander Comments 27 comments Of course, careers for women came from a godless, heathen world! There is nothing in the Bible that encourages or instructs women to leave their homes for hours every day, their children with strangers to raise, and go to a job. If there is one, I have never read it. Yes, there are some women in the Bible who made things in their homes and sold them like Lydia and the Proverbs 31 woman but not one left their home all day long with their children in the care of others and worked for a boss for five days a week. Yes, some were midwives but they were at home unless they were delivering a baby. She was being a help meet to her husband. Are older women, as written in the Bible, to be known for their careers? Widows are not commanded to go out and pursue careers. Notice 1 Timothy 5: This is how God set it all up for the provision of women. Men are the ones in the Bible that God commands to be the providers. Nothing is impossible with Him and if He wants women home with their families, He will provide a way. He instructs us to ask for wisdom and He will give it freely! There are several problems I see with women having careers, even when they are single. I believe one of the main causes of divorce today is due to women having careers. Women put all of their time and energy into their careers and neglect their husbands. This is a recipe for failure and marriage is important to the Lord so it should be a priority for us; for marriage is an example to a lost world of Christ and His Church! This is a good thing, contrary to popular opinion. What about single women who never get married? She does need to know about the dangers of pursuing a career in case she does eventually get married. What if this pursuit by women for careers makes them unattractive to men since they become forceful and independent? He created men to need a help meet. Neither do they teach them anything about godly womanhood; no, not even the Christian colleges and universities since they push careers on the women. This seems the way it should be, in my opinion. Women working have taken many jobs away from men. Men NEED to work. God created them to have jobs and this usually defines them, whereas women define themselves by their relationships. I believe all godly women need to live their lives as if they may get married and have children some day. The worse thing would be to pursue a college education, amass a large debt, and place this burden upon their husbands when they get married, thus continuing to have to work after having children to pay off their debt. This is insanity to me! There are too many women that tell me they want to come home but are unable due to debt, their living style is too high, or their husbands want them to work because they make a large salary. Young women, prayerfully consider the path you want to take. Children grow up to be much more productive members of society when they are loved and nurtured by their mothers during their childhood. I can assure you that not all of the women in the world are going to go home full time by reading this post or my blog. Thankfully, I am not the judge of the world. Behold the fowls of the air: Are ye not much better than they?

Chapter 3 : Keepers at Home |

For example, Lenski, the eminent Lutheran commentator, stated that the phrase "keepers at home" indicates domestic responsibility and that the home is the place of a married woman's work; she is a "housekeeper" who dispenses "all good things in this domain."

January 26, 26 Comments Hi everyone! So first off, what is Keepers at Home? Keepers clubs are a "hands-on" type program that you, as a parent, can use to teach your child those practical skills not normally learned as academic endeavors. Designed for use in the privacy of your own home, your own group or association, or a church fellowship, these programs for boys and girls incorporate Christian principles as an integral part of the learning process. These programs are Bible-based and Christ-centered. When you use them you, the parents and leaders, are in control. You join no organizations. You, as parents or leaders, are free to decide exactly how you will use the program to help your children. Visit Keepers at Home for more information, supplies, and ideas! So how do you organize a club? Well, any way you want to! I currently lead a group of 14 girls ranging from ages If you get too many girls, it can be difficult to find supplies, host homes, and just get overwhelming. In our group, we have 3 positions: I am leading our group this year. That means I send out emails, organize the events, and remind everyone of who has signed up for what before each meeting. Our treasurer mom is in charge of ordering supplies, and keeping track of our finances. This year we decided to have a moms night out once per month just for us moms to get out and socialize. Our Moms Night Out Coordinator is in charge of finding a fun place for us to meet, and sending out reminder emails to everyone each month. This is nothing major, maybe a night at Starbucks, or dinner out with the girls, basically something that takes little to no planning on our part. This is totally optional, and just something fun we decided to do this year. Prior to the start of each year, all of the moms get together for a planning meeting. We each come prepared to teach topics, as well as host at least once, and sign up for snacks. We plan out our whole year at the meeting. I put together an excel spreadsheet to keep track of our group, you can download our copy here:

Chapter 4 : "Keepers at Home" | Darash Press

"The difference between the traditional Christian interpretation of "keepers at home" and the modern version is considerable. While the traditional interpretation established the home as the sphere of a married woman's work and calling, the modern understanding says that the term does nothing of the kind.

Motherhood , my family Wednesday, May 08, We have a very breech baby at 36w and 4d. Mommy is not a happy camper. I started going to the chiropractor today to see if we can get this little person to turn. I have been camped at the Spinning Babies website and on Youtube for the past week. Positive, uplifting, encouraging c-section stories. My browser has been locked onto them as well. I now have a back up list of questions to ask my OB, things to take to the hospital, and ideas on recovery. It took me a week to be able to Google anything about C-sections without crying. Well, all that matters is a healthy baby. Am I ready to adjust my expectations? Am I ok with a c-section if he does not turn around? Does it mean I have to give up the memories I have of having Lily, getting out of bed right away with minimal pain and taking care of my baby? I get to grieve the loss of all of that. I get to grieve the new direction my birth experience seems to be going in. On the inside my heart will break a little bit. I know what you mean when you say that. I know you care about me and my little boy. Nine years of infertility. Should I be worried about how he gets here? I still want my baby here, healthy, and whole. He should be here in just a few more weeks.

Chapter 5 : Blessed Homemaking: Keepers at Home {Sermon}

Keepers At Home A blog for Christian women who are striving to live for Christ every day by loving thier husbands, loving thier children, being sober, discreet, chaste, keepers at home and obedient to thier husbands as outlined in Titus

It certainly can be a difficult task, because change, for most of us, is difficult, but being healthier is worth the effort! Before you can get healthy, you have to have a plan. Everything that ends up good requires a plan: Certainly if you follow their regime, you most likely will lose weight. Because, one never totally understood the dynamics of food and what the body truly needs to be healthy. One is very nutritionally dense, and the other is just the opposite. So, calorie counting is not the best way to get healthy! Protein is a necessary building block of our cells. It is used to make muscle and repair cells. Sources of protein include beef, pork, chicken, turkey, fish, eggs, nut butters and beans. It is wise to have a small amount of protein at each meal. Complex carbs are needed for the function of the brain, central nervous system and the kidneys. Some vegetables green veggies, sweet potatoes, beans, lentils, etc. Any whole fruit or vegetable is always better than a juice! Fresh, frozen, and home-canned are all good choices. Avoid sugary, syrupy canned fruits. We always have peeled and sliced carrots, celery, cucumbers and fruit in the fridge for a snack when needed. This eliminates the temptation to grab something sweet or non-nutritious. FATS are necessary to assimilate fat-soluble vitamins. Good fats are absolutely necessary for a healthy mind and body. Olive oil, coconut oil, avocado oil and even butter have a place in a healthy diet. Some experts suggest tablespoons of good fat a day. One does NOT get fat from eating good fats. Consider using good fat and balsamic vinegar on your salad, a very healthy and yummy choice! NUTS are a great part of a healthy diet. Over the years, they have gotten a bad rap, but they are loaded with valuable things for our body- healthy fats and protein to name a few. Almonds are high in fiber and good for gut health. Moderation is key, but nuts are a healthier snack than MOST other snack foods. The grains and dairy of today are NOT like they were 50 years ago. We see hybridization and modification GMO of many grains. We are seeing many more people who have gluten intolerance Celiac Disease and wheat sensitivity. The grains of today even some organic grains, according to my sources have three times as much gluten as years ago. Some of the ancient grain choices do not contain gluten: Kamut, Spelt, and Eikorn. Good, non-grain choices to round out your meal might be quinoa, barley, and wild or black rice blends. Dairy, in general, can be highly inflammatory. We know that milk from the store is more than likely from cattle that have been inoculated with antibiotics and hormones. That is a red flag to me. FYI, my Dental Hygiene instructor in never gave his children milk after they were weaned- not even on cereal! This is interesting, considering most dentists feel that milk is necessary for strong enamel. This instructor felt, even at that time, that milk was inflammatory. There are other good sources of calcium besides milk. Raw milk products are a choice for a chemical-free source. An issue that still lurks is the starch called Amylopectin A, which seems to be the element in both grain and dairy that causes insulin to surge and becomes an issue for inflammation. If you are looking for a milk-like product, consider one of the nut milks- almond, cashew, etc. The average American eats 22 teaspoons of added sugar daily. One article suggested we eat pounds of sugar a year. In many ways it is toxic. The Cliff Bar healthy, right? When people eat a lot of sugar and many of our grocery staples have sugar: For many women, wheat products of today can be highly inflammatory even if you do not have gluten intolerance. Besides helping with weight issues, your heart functions better, you sleep better, and your mood is better. There are all sorts of wonderful results that accompany regular exercise. Can you get up earlier and exercise to a video? Can you do squats while folding laundry? It is worth it! Make exercise a part of a healthy day! Many experts in both traditional and alternative medicine would say to get your nutrition first, from good food! However, because we acknowledge that our food is NOT the same as years ago- chemicals, soil depletion, etc. One does not always need ALL the ingredients in a particular supplement. Sometimes an ingredient can actually be harmful because you have a particular disease, are pregnant OR perhaps you are on a pharmaceutical. Be pro-active in your choice. There are many good supplemental choices. Buy the best one for YOU and the best you can afford. This is a serious decision for you and your family. Your health is at stake. People grossly underestimate the amount they eat.

According to a recent Grand Forks Herald article, food preferences are developed as early as in the first two years of life. Researchers found that month-old babies who regularly ate fruits and vegetables were MORE likely to eat them and were LESS likely to be fussy eaters when they were four. The time is NOW, Mom, to teach and train these young palates. Results are worth it! Incorporate more fruits and vegetables. Get rid of non-nutritional foods- chips, pop, fast food, etc. Be encouraged that this is possible. We have at least 3 people in our church that HAD to make better food choices because of serious health issues, like difficulty breathing, sinus infections, depression, fatigue, muscle cramps, and bowel issues. For months and even years, they incorporated the basics that I have mentioned in this article. Two people lost 25 lbs. One lost lbs.

Chapter 6 : Titus - KJV - To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home,

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Parallel Translations The Amplified Bible To be self-controlled, chaste, homemakers, good-natured kindhearted , adapting and subordinating themselves to their husbands, that the word of God may not be exposed to reproach blasphemed or discredited. The Complete Jewish Bible to be self-controlled and pure, to take good care of their homes and submit to their husbands. American Standard Version [to be] sober-minded, chaste, workers at home, kind, being in subjection to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed: Bible in Basic English To be wise in mind, clean in heart, kind; working in their houses, living under the authority of their husbands; so that no evil may be said of the word of God. English Revised Version to be soberminded, chaste, workers at home, kind, being in subjection to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed: Contemporary English Version Each of the younger women must be sensible and kind, as well as a good homemaker, who puts her own husband first. English Standard Version to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled. Easy-to-Read Version They can teach the younger women to be wise and to be pure, to take care of their homes, to be kind, and to be willing to serve their husbands. Then no person will be able to criticize the teaching God gave us. King James Version To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God bee not blasphemed. New Revised Standard to be self-controlled, chaste, good managers of the household, kind, being submissive to their husbands, so that the word of God may not be discredited. New Century Version to be wise and pure, to be good workers at home, to be kind, and to yield to their husbands. Then no one will be able to criticize the teaching God gave us. James Murdock Translation of the Peshitta to be chaste and holy, and to take good care of their households, and to be obedient to their husbands; so that no one may reproach the word of God. George Lamsa Translation of the Peshitta To be discreet, chaste, good home keepers, obedient to their own husbands, so that no one can reproach the word of God. Douay-Rheims Bible To be discreet, chaste, sober, having a care of the house, gentle, obedient to their husbands: Good News Translation to be self-controlled and pure, and to be good housewives who submit themselves to their husbands, so that no one will speak evil of the message that comes from God. Miles Coverdale Bible to be discrete, chaste, husswyfly, good, obedient vnto their awne hussbandes, that the worde of God be not euell spoken of. Mace New Testament to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, good oeconomists, beneficent, submissive to their husbands, J. Green Literal Translation discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, subject to their own husbands, so that the Word of God may not be blasphemed, New King James to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed. New Living Translation to live wisely and be pure, to take care of their homes, to do good, and to be submissive to their husbands. Then they will not bring shame on the word of God. New International Version to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God. New American Standard Version to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored. New Life Version They are to teach them to think before they act, to be pure, to be workers at home, to be kind, and to obey their own husbands. In this way, the Word of God is honored. International Standard Version sensible, pure, managers of their households, and kind, and to submit themselves to their husbands, lest the word of God be discredited. John Etheridge Translation of the Peshitta and to be chaste and holy, well mindful of their houses, and submissive to their husbands, that no man blaspheme the word of Aloha. The Emphasised Bible soberminded, chaste, workers at home, good, submitting themselves to their own husbands, - that, the word of God, be not defamed; Revised Standard Version to be sensible, chaste, domestic, kind, and submissive to their husbands, that the word of God may not be discredited. Tyndale Bible to be discrete chast huswyfly good and obediet vnto their awne hussbandes that the worde of god be not evyll spoken of. Updated Bible Version 1. The Webster Bible [To be] discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good,

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Not only did you arrange Thank you so much for the assistance you gave us. I want to personally thank you for taking care of my mom during her last days. Your time with her was special and helped make her comfortable. Over the past 6 years I have had many dealings with care givers for family Great company to work for. You can tell the owner is passionate about making a difference in the lives of seniors. Treats his employees very well and My boss is fair and very flexible and my schedule is exactly what I want Except for waiting for more hours, everything has been great! The team has been wonderful and they are great at helping me when I need them! To have an office staff who cares and enjoys you and to have clients who appreciate you everyday. I was concerned with finding trustworthy caring people who could come into my home and care for my grandmother. I was blessed to find Comfort Keepers We had no idea how to get started and had We had so many questions and concerns As a Care Manager, I have had I am writing to express my most heartfelt thanks to you for being such compassionate and competent caregivers for my father, Art, during the time that I had the pleasure of working with Comfort Keepers for two years and really enjoyed it. They employ the best PCAs in the Valley, they strive for just Comfort Keepers, located in Reno, Nevada, has been assisting me with home care for approximately three 3 years Our professional caregivers can offer support and assistance to family caregivers, enabling them to go to work or manage other responsibilities. Taking a break from caregiving every now and then can help primary care providers rest and recuperate. However, in addition to respite care, which is short-term care developed to support both older adults and full-time family caregivers, we also offer long-term care in home care. Our caregivers can provide an array of non-medical at home care services to seniors, such as assistance with personal care, meal preparation, and companionship. To better meet the needs of your loved one, we can create an individual care plan that can include any number of services, including those that are not typically found in care programs. This type of care is known as transitioning care. We can also recommend various home safety products. For additional information on your at home care options, please contact Comfort Keepers of Reno, NV today! We are happy to help you find the best care solution for your loved one! Someone from our Comfort Keepers team will reach out to you shortly. Please verify all required fields have been correctly filled out.

Chapter 8 : Keepers At Home:

The fact that Lydia was a "seller of purple" is a description of her, not a prescription for all of us. The fact that the Proverbs 31 woman sold girdles to the merchants is a description of her work, not a prescription for all women.

This word is found in Titus 2: Both words are about staying at home and domesticity, but oikourgos has the added meaning of being productive in the domestic setting. A medieval scribe copying a manuscript. Keepers at Home or Guardians of the Home? Unlike what some people have suggested, Paul was not thinking about women taking on a significant role of spiritual protection or guardianship of the household when he wrote Titus 2: Rather he wanted the young women to comply with the usual moral standards of the typical Roman matron. Note the last phrase of Titus 2: In 1 Timothy 5: This word is about managing the household, and, like Titus 2: A conservative estimate is that one-third of the population were slaves in the Roman Empire, and the young wives and widows who Paul was referring to in Titus 2: Also, Paul was not addressing female slaves here, even though slaves were equal members of the church. Slaves usually could not choose to get married and they did not have the option of keeping busy and managing their own homes as per the instructions in 1 Timothy 5: A Definitive Statement or a Shameful Waste? Housework is a necessary part of life, and there is nothing at all wrong with someone who devotes their time to keeping a clean and orderly home, but it is important to note that neither Titus 2: There are many godly women mentioned in the New Testament and Old Testament who are not primarily described as women who stayed at home. These women made important contributions to their church communities and helped to spread the gospel; they were prophetesses, teachers, evangelists, ministers, apostles and patrons. He recognised this weakness and flaw in his culture. Still, many in the church are copying this weak, flawed model in the mistaken belief that it is biblical. We need a whole church, not half a church, for the body of Christ to be healthy and effective, but many Christians are effectively coercing their women to bury their talents and ignore their gifts instead of encouraging and supporting them to use them in the wider world for the cause of the kingdom. The statement in Titus 2: Click To Tweet Endnotes [1] The etymology of a word does not always give a true indication of how that word is actually used and understood. W Danker University of Chicago Press, Clarendon Press, , German Bible Society, ,

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Lori Alexander Comments 12 comments In , Dr. He went through Proverbs 31 and Titus 2: And then, number five, and now we get down to the nitty-gritty. They are to be workers at home. Now, we turn to the very important issue, the sphere of her responsibility, workers at home, oikourgos, literally a house worker. It is her domain. It is her kingdom. It is her realm. It simply connotes the idea that the home is the sphere of her labors, whatever they might be. It is not that a woman is to keep busy all the time at home. But what it does mean is that the home is the sphere of her divine assignment. She is to be the home keeper, to take care of her husband, to provide for him and for the children, all that they need as they live in that home. Materially, she is to take the resources the husband brings home and translate them into a comfortable and blessed life for her children. She is to take the spiritual things that she knows and learns and to pass them on to her children. She is a keeper at home. The good training her children receive in the Christian school may be counteracted by her lack of full commitment to the biblical standards for motherhood. In addition to having less time to work at home and teach and care for her children, a wife working outside the home often has a boss to whom she is responsible for pleasing in the way she dresses and a lot of other matters, complicating the headship of her husband and compromising her own testimony. She is forced to submit to men other than her own husband, likely to become more independent, including financially in fragmenting the unity of the family. Many studies have shown that most children who grow up in homes where the mother works are less secure than in those where mother is always at home. I think that should be obvious. Her presence there, even when the child is in school, is an emotional anchor. Working mothers contribute so often to delinquency and a host of other problems that lead to the decline of the family. Many mothers who have never worked outside the home do very little in the home to strengthen their families: Now, when children are grown, there is an opportunity for some kind of endeavor outside the home. It may be that when the children are grown she can work part-time; she can even work full-time in an environment which is salutatory to her and which increases her godliness and strengthens her as a wife. But the home is still her domain. And even widows or women whose husbands have left them are not expected to leave their domain and children to work outside the home. Paul declared this in 1 Timothy 5: If there is, for example, a widow or a woman without a husband by divorce in your family, you should care for her before you force her out to care for herself. If a woman has no husband, no financial resources of her own, the rest of her family or even her children or her grandchildren are to take care of her. They have that responsibility so that she can maintain her responsibility in the family. But if she has no one, no male relatives, that 1 Timothy 5 passage says, if she has no male relatives to support her, there might be a female relative who could care for her, according to verse If she has no female relatives, there is nobody to care for her, then the church is obligated to care for her, 1 Timothy 5: The basic premise then is that even a woman without a husband, even a woman who may not have children still has the right to be cared for. As He was hanging on the cross, Jesus, during the last moments of His life was concerned about His mother. And what He did in John 19 verses 26 and 27 was give her to John to take care of. Well, she was most likely a widow. Joseph had no doubt died before this. Jesus was no longer there to take care of her. His own half-brothers did not believe in Him. He turns His mother over to John. When a woman obviously still has children at home, her primary obligation is to them. There are a lot of cases that you could bring up. All I can tell you is what the Bible says. You have to use your own wisdom. There may be a situation where a widow has to be employed because the care of her children is not provided by anybody. I thank the Lord that our church does in many, many cases. There may be a situation where your children are in school and without any compromise to your children or your husband; you can do some part-time work. Many women have become very fruitful working out of their own homes and doing that, much like the Proverbs 31 woman. But the standard is very clear in Scripture. Even churches sometimes foster that by starting day care centers for children under school age. Many times women work because they want to maintain a certain economic standard. The sacrifice of children and family

for that economic standard is a bad decision. She provides the same for her children. She leads and guides and teaches her children so that they can become godly children. She is in the home, secure, and protected, and kept from the influence of evil men and potentially wicked relationships. She devotes herself to every good work. Obviously, this is wondrously accommodated by a godly husband, right? It is at that point the extended family steps in to help. Whatever God says, they want to unsay. In New Testament times, as in Old Testament times, a woman in a home had to grind flour, bake everything from scratch, launder, cook, nurse and care for children, make beds, spin, weave, keep house, care for guests. And in the same time and with the full energy and commitment, devote herself to express her love to her husband, to her children and to God Himself. It says this about a harlot: She needs something else, and that leads her into sin. To most of our society, this is all absolutely ridiculous stuff. And we get so engulfed in this kind of thinking because of the society around us that it may even seem a little strange to us, but this is the Word of God. Godly women are to be content at home, and to be content to love their children and love their husbands and serve their families in their homes and serve the Lord. One of the most wonderful things that the church has ever experienced is the ministry of women. All of the tests and the studies and surveys indicate that about 60 percent of all church life is cared for by women. Evangelical churches are populated by women. They say about 37 percent of evangelical churches are men. The church has always benefited by godly women who work in the home, and when they have time they minister on behalf of the church. And as women abandon the home for the world, they also abandon the church. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.