

## Repairing Broken Walls: Paul's Instructions to Timothy (1 Timothy 2:1-15)

1. **Talking to God About Others – Prayer (1-2)**
2. **Talking to Others About God – Proclamation (3-7) (Evangelism)**
3. **Taking the Lead – Principled Leadership by Pious Men (8; cp. 3:1-11)**
4. **Taming the Threads – Purity and Propriety – Word-Directed Wardrobes for Women (9-10)**
5. **Tapering the Talk – Withholding Words to Let the Leaders Lead (11-14)**
6. **Training Our Own Children – Parenting as a Priceless Priority (15; cp. 5:10,14)**

*Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.*

σωθήσεται δὲ διὰ τῆς τεκνογονίας, ἔὰν μείνωσιν ἐν πίστει καὶ ἀγάπῃ καὶ ἀγιασμῷ μετὰ σωφροσύνης·

*Not Spiritual Salvation – (immediate context & broad context)*

*Not just having babies – rather indicates entire process of raising children*

*Focus and Fulfillment*

Perhaps the best explanation of this difficult verse is this. God promised women a life of fulfillment as mothers in the home, provided they walk with the Lord, rather than as teachers and leaders in the church.

“The meaning of *sozo* [to save] in this passage is once again something like ‘spiritual health,’ a full and meaningful life. This fits the context quite well. Paul has just excluded women from positions of teaching authority in the church (1 Tim. 2:9–14). What then is their primary destiny? They will find life through fulfilling their role as a mother IF they continue in faith, love, and holiness with propriety. A salvation which comes only to mothers who persist in faithful service is not the faith alone salvation taught elsewhere.” (Dr. Tom Constable)

### ***Motherhood as a Divine Call for Women (Motherhood Is Highly Important!)***

#### **God's Design for a Woman**

- **Gen 1:27-28** <sup>27</sup> So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. <sup>28</sup> Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply...;
- **Gen 3:16** To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire *shall be* for your husband, And he shall rule over you." (curse did not cancel role)

#### **God's Description of a Godly Woman**

- **1 Tim 5:9-10** <sup>9</sup> Do not let a widow under sixty years old be taken into the number, *and not unless* she has been the wife of one man, <sup>10</sup> well reported for good works: if she has brought up children, if she has lodged strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has relieved the afflicted, if she has diligently followed every good work.

#### **God's Instruction for a Widowed Woman**

- **1 Tim 5:11-14** <sup>11</sup> But refuse *the* younger widows; for when they have begun to grow wanton against Christ, they desire to marry, <sup>12</sup> having condemnation because they have cast off their first faith. <sup>13</sup> And besides they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house, and not only idle but also gossips and busybodies, saying things which they ought not. <sup>14</sup> Therefore I desire that *the* younger widows marry, bear children, manage the house, give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

#### **God's Direction for Younger Women**

- **Titus 2:3-5** <sup>3</sup> the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things -- <sup>4</sup> that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, <sup>5</sup> to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.
  - *Husband-lovers*
  - *Children-lovers*
  - *Homemakers – organized, clean, industrious (cp Prov 31:10-31)*
  - *Obedient to their own husbands*
  - *Mentors of younger wives/mothers*

#### **God's Blessing of Children**

- **Psalms 127:3-5** <sup>3</sup> Behold, children *are* a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb *is* a reward. <sup>4</sup> Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So *are* the children of one's youth. <sup>5</sup> Happy *is* the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed, But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.
- **Psalms 128:1-4** Blessed *is* every one who fears the LORD, Who walks in His ways. <sup>2</sup> When you eat the labor of your hands, You *shall be* happy, and *it shall be* well with you. <sup>3</sup> Your wife *shall be* like a fruitful vine In the very heart of your house, Your children like olive plants All around your table. <sup>4</sup> Behold, thus shall the man be blessed Who fears the LORD.