

Dysfunction Junction
A Look at the 21st Century American Family
Part 3: Passionate Mothers
Ephesians 6:1-3

Deut 21:18-21

Ex 21:15 *Whoever strikes his father or his mother shall be put to death.*

Ex 21:17 *Whoever curses his father or his mother shall be put to death.*

Titus 2:3-5

Children need mothers who are...

I. Passionate about Their Families v4

Hos 9:11-14 *Ephraim's glory shall fly away like a bird—no birth, no pregnancy, no conception! Even if they bring up children, I will bereave them till none is left. Woe to them when I depart from them! Ephraim, as I have seen, was like a young palm planted in a meadow; but Ephraim must lead his children out to slaughter. Give them, O Lord—what will you give? Give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts.*

1 Tim 2:13-15 *For Adam was formed first, then Eve; and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.*

II. Passionate about Their Purity v5a

1 Tim 2:9-10 *likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works.*

1 Peter 3:3-4 *Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair, the wearing of gold, or the putting on of clothing—but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious.*

III. Passionate about Their Home v5b

Proverbs 31

Prov 14:1 *The wisest of women builds her house, but folly with her own hands tears it down.*

IV. Passionate about Their Biblical Role v5c

Gen 2:18 *Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.*

Eph 5:22 *Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.*

Col 3:18 *Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.*

1 Peter 3:1 *Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands*

V. Passionate about the Word of God v5d

1 Timothy 5:14 *So I would have younger widows marry, bear children, manage their households, and give the adversary no occasion for slander.*