

Point #1:

We can not afford to neglect the gift of children

Children are a gift (Ps 127:3 NASB) Behold, children are a gift of the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward.

Children God has given

(Gen 33:5 NASB) He lifted his eyes and saw the women and the children, and said, "Who are these with you?" So he said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant."

Point #2:

If children are a gift so is motherhood.

A blessing (Gen 24:60 NASB) They blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, Become thousands of ten thousands, And may your descendants possess The gate of those who hate them."

Listen up, Son!

(Prov 1:8-9 NASB) Hear, my son, your father's instruction And do not forsake your mother's teaching; Indeed, they are a graceful wreath to your head And ornaments about your neck.

Point #3:

Mothers need to be supported by their husbands.

Children of ones Youth

(Psa 127:4-5 NASB) Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth. How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them; They will not be ashamed When they speak with their enemies in the gate.

Wife of ones Youth

(Mal 2:15 NASB) "But not one has done so who has a remnant of the Spirit. And what did that one do while he was seeking a godly offspring? Take heed then to your spirit, and let no one deal treacherously against the wife of your youth.

A charge to husbands (1 Pet 3:7 NASB) You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

Point #4:

Women need to be affirmed in their roles as <u>mothers</u>.

Encourage young women (Titus 2:3-5 NASB) Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.

CONCLUSION