



mothers
of adults
Lesson 8

God's Divine Design

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*God created man in His own image,
in the image of God He created him;
male and female He created them.
God blessed them; and God said to them,
"Be fruitful and multiply,
and fill the earth, and subdue it;
and rule over the fish of the sea
and every living thing
that moves on the earth."*

Genesis 1:27-28

Introduction

Proverbs 18:22, *He who finds a wife finds a good thing.*

Giving them in marriage

A. Relinquishing our Authority over them.

Genesis 2:24, *For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.*

B. Always a Mother

- Hannah

1 Samuel 2:18-19, Now Samuel was ministering before the LORD, as a boy wearing a linen ephod. And his mother would make him a little robe and bring it to him from year to year when she would come up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

- Mary

Matthew 12:46, While He was still speaking to the crowds, behold, His mother and brothers were standing outside, seeking to speak to Him.

“The mother’s heart is the child’s schoolroom.”

Henry Ward Beecher

“I cannot tell you how much I owe to the solemn word of my good mother.”

Charles Haddon

C. Involved but not interfering

Judges 14:2-4, *So he [Samson] came back to his father and mother, "I saw a woman in Timnah, one of the daughters of the Philistines; now therefore, get her for me as a wife." Then his father and his mother said to him, "Is there no woman among the daughters of your relatives, or among all our people, that you go to take a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?" But Samson said to his father, "Get her for me, for she looks good to me." **However, his father and mother did not know that it was of the LORD, for He was seeking an occasion against the Philistines.***

D. Loving from a distance



New Relationships

Isaiah 54:2, *Enlarge the place of your tent; stretch out the curtains of your dwelling, spare not; lengthen your cords and strengthen your pegs.*

A. Mother-in-law

Genesis 2:18, *The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; **I will make him a helper suitable for him.**"*

He is to honor you, his mother (Ephesians 6:2) and not forsake your teaching (Proverbs 1:8; Proverbs 6:20), but God ordained he is to love his wife as his own flesh for they are one (Ephesians 5:28).

1. Loving as your own – Naomi and Ruth

Ruth 3:1, *Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "**My daughter**, shall I not seek security (rest) for you, that it may be well with you?"*

2. Honor their differences

B. Mentor/Counselor

1. Being a mentor – Titus 2:3-5

2. Pray for other Godly mentors / counselors
Proverbs 27:17

C. Brothers/Sisters in Christ

Seeing the Hard Stuff

A. Unsaved Children/Spouse

We may use all means, but we cannot command success. We may teach, but we cannot convert. We may show those around us the bread and water of life, but we cannot make them eat and drink it. We may point out the way to eternal life, but we cannot make others walk in it. 'It is the Spirit that quickeneth.' Life is that one thing which the cleverest man of science cannot create or impart. It comes 'not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God' (John 1:13). To give life is the grand prerogative of God.

J. C. Ryle

B. Financial Problems

C. Leaving their upbringing

The Prodigal Son – Luke 15:11-32

D. Letting Go and Letting God

*Job 1:5, When the days of feasting had completed their cycle, Job would send and consecrate them, rising up early in the morning and offering burnt offerings according to the number of them all; for job said, **“Perhaps my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts.”** Thus Job did continually.*

1. No longer parenting in the flesh

Hebrews 4:15-16, For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are yet without sin. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

2. Trusting our Creator

Psalm 138:8, The LORD will accomplish what concerns me; your lovingkindness, O LORD, is everlasting; Do not forsake the works of Your hands.