



# *Mothers of Teens*

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## *Recommended Listening:*

2007—*Workers at Home*; 2011 & 2015—  
Panels: *Managing the Home with Teens*;  
2010—*Workers at Home (Young Mothers Class)*

## *Managing the Home with Teens*

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### Memory Verse:

*Teach the younger women to be sensible, pure,  
**workers at home**, kind, being subject to their  
own husbands, so that the word of God will  
not be dishonored. ~Titus 2:5*

- I. Every home is different. But the overall Biblical parameters and goals of an orderly Christian home are not arbitrary.

- II. Reasons: There are Biblical commands and principles that serve as the Scriptural **reasons** for managing an orderly home.
- A. God created roles for husbands and wives from the beginning: Gen. 1:26-28; 2:18; I Cor. 11:9; I Tim 2:13.
  - B. God's gave specific responsibilities to the wife in the household: Prov. 31:27; 14:1.
  - C. God magnifies the importance of the woman's role as a "worker at home" so that "the Word of God will not be dishonored:" I Tim. 2:4; I Tim 5:14.
  - D. God instructs parents to nurture children and teach them His Word in the home: Duet. 6; Prov. 22:6; II Tim. 3:15.
  - E. Adherence to God-ordained roles and responsibilities in management of the home is especially important for those who are leaders in the church: I Tim 3:4, 12.
  - F. Jesus, as a child, willingly submitted Himself to His God-fearing parents and provides for us an example of a child in a well-ordered home. Luke 2:51-52.

III. Results: God will be magnified in our lives, in the lives of our children, and before others as a **result** of the management of our orderly, biblically maintained home.

A. God uses our Scriptural home management to reflect His orderly dealings with mankind – God’s orderly creation, God’s orderly giving and enforcing of His law, God’s orderly establishment of worship and the priesthood, and God’s orderly plan for the New Testament church.

B. God uses the process of home management to display His love and grace in our lives so we can demonstrate it to our children and then to others outside of the home.

- IV. Ramifications: There are benefits that come out of the process of managing an ordered home.
- A. Home management **instills routines** that give efficiency to the necessary tasks of life.
  - B. Home management produces **a sense of security and peace** for the members of the family. Procedures and expectations are predictable in the home.
  - C. Home management provides **an opportunity for teamwork** that strengthens the family bonds.
  - D. Home management provides children with the **opportunity to observe diligent, thorough work** and then be trained to work as responsibly and diligently as their parents and older siblings.
  - E. Home management includes **honing the skills of children** – skills that they will need in their future homes, jobs, and ministries.

Home Management: Organizing the family as a team to assist in the provision of the family's physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. It also provides for the training for the family members and includes the parents' regular Scriptural assessment of the existing routines in the home with a willingness to make changes for the betterment of the family and its individual members.

Applications: Six areas of responsibility in the home will be considered. Each of them demonstrates the key elements of home management: careful planning, organization of family members, and diligent work to complete the task. But they also provide opportunities for training children/ teens and encouraging family teamwork.

- A. Food—planning, shopping, preparing, and cleaning up after meals.
- B. Clothing and laundry—purchasing, maintaining, and organizing clothing. Teaching children to choose appropriate, modest, and reasonably priced clothing.
- C. Cleaning and home repairs—routine cleaning, deep house cleaning, and home-improvement projects require management and teamwork.
- D. Time management—every commitment of time impacts not only the individuals in the family but the entire family’s schedule. This is the best time to teach busy teens to evaluate, value and prioritize their discretionary time.
- E. Financial management—the teen years provide great opportunities to teach young people how to work responsibly, save money, and invest wisely for the future.
- F. Spiritual growth management—prioritizing and managing the family’s schedule to allow for regular attendance and participation in family worship, church

services, and other church ministries and outreach activities.

VI. Conclusions:

- A. Managing the home Scripturally is a vital necessity for Christian parents. All families are different. But as parents we need to provide Scripturally-based direction to every area of our homes.
  
- B. Pray. We as parents need to come to every decision for our family members with prayer - asking for the wisdom from above. (James 1:5-7)

*But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. ~James 1:5-8*

*By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; and by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.  
~Proverbs 24:3-4*

## RESOURCES

*Age of Opportunity*—Paul Tripp

*Shaping of the Christian Family*—Elizabeth Elliott

*Wellsprings of Life: Understanding Proverbs*—Donald Ortner  
(pp. 118-12)

*Proverbs for Parenting (A Topical Guide from the Book of Proverbs)* —Barbara Decker

*Your Family Gods Way* (pp. 186-192)—Wayne Mack

*Proverbs*—Charles Bridges

*Formula for Family Unity*—Walter and Trudy Fremont

*Letters to Young Men* (Letter IX on Diligence)—W.B. Sprague

RESOURCES for Organization and Scheduling

<http://www.flylady.net>

CALENDAR: Stylio Dry Erase Calendar Whiteboard can be purchased on Amazon. Great for recording every family member's appointments and other events. It comes with three dry-erase calendars and four markers. (Email Joy Collins—[jcollins@mountcalvarybaptist.org](mailto:jcollins@mountcalvarybaptist.org)—if you would like a direct link.)

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