



## *How to Honor and Celebrate Our Ladies*

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### **God calls all of us to honor...**

#### **a. all ladies**

**Genesis 1:26** Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

<sup>27</sup> And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

#### **b. our mothers**

**Ephesians 6:1** Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

<sup>2</sup> Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise),

<sup>3</sup> that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth.

**Leviticus 19:1** Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

<sup>2</sup> "Speak to all the congregation of the sons of Israel and say to them, 'You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

<sup>3</sup> 'Every one of you shall reverence his mother and his father, and you shall keep My sabbaths; I am the LORD your God.

#### **c. our wives**

**1 Peter 3:7** You husbands likewise, live with *your wives* in an understanding way, as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman; and grant her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

#### **d. our daughters**

**Psalms 139:13** For Thou didst form my inward parts; Thou didst weave me in my mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup> I will give thanks to Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Thy works, And my soul knows it very well.

<sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from Thee, When I was made in secret, *And* skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth.

<sup>16</sup> Thine eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Thy book they were all written, The days that were ordained *for me*, When as yet there was not one of them.

#### **e. all who fear the Lord**

**Proverbs 31:25** Strength and dignity are her clothing, And she smiles at the future.

<sup>26</sup> She opens her mouth in wisdom, And the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

<sup>27</sup> She looks well to the ways of her household, And does not eat the bread of idleness.

<sup>28</sup> Her children rise up and bless her; Her husband *also*, and he praises her, *saying*:

<sup>29</sup> "Many daughters have done nobly, But you excel them all."

<sup>30</sup> Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain,

**But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.**

<sup>31</sup> Give her the product of her hands, And let her works praise her in the gates.

# How to Honor and Celebrate Our Ladies:

## 1. Promote and affirm motherhood over less valuable work (all other work)

**Titus 2:3** Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips, nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good,

<sup>4</sup> that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,

<sup>5</sup> *to be* sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be dishonored.

## 2. Listen to their heart and consider their counsel

**Proverbs 1:7** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

<sup>8</sup> Hear, my son, your father's instruction, And do not forsake your mother's teaching;

<sup>9</sup> Indeed, they are a graceful wreath to your head, And ornaments about your neck.

**Proverbs 6:20** My son, observe the commandment of your father, And do not forsake the teaching of your mother;

<sup>21</sup> Bind them continually on your heart; Tie them around your neck.

<sup>22</sup> When you walk about, they will guide you; When you sleep, they will watch over you; And when you awake, they will talk to you.

<sup>23</sup> For the commandment is a lamp, and the teaching is light; And reproofs for discipline are the way of life,

**Proverbs 31:1** The words of King Lemuel, the oracle which his mother taught him.

<sup>2</sup> What, O my son? And what, O son of my womb? And what, O son of my vows?

<sup>3</sup> Do not give your strength to women, Or your ways to that which destroys kings.

<sup>4</sup> It is not for kings, O Lemuel, It is not for kings to drink wine, Or for rulers to desire strong drink,

<sup>5</sup> Lest they drink and forget what is decreed, And pervert the rights of all the afflicted.

<sup>6</sup> Give strong drink to him who is perishing, And wine to him whose life is bitter.

<sup>7</sup> Let him drink and forget his poverty, And remember his trouble no more.

<sup>8</sup> Open your mouth for the dumb, For the rights of all the unfortunate.

<sup>9</sup> Open your mouth, judge righteously, And defend the rights of the afflicted and needy.

<sup>10</sup> An excellent wife, who can find? For her worth is far above jewels.

**2 Timothy 1:3** I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience the way my forefathers did, as I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day,

<sup>4</sup> longing to see you, even as I recall your tears, so that I may be filled with joy.

<sup>5</sup> For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois, and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that *it is* in you as well.

**2 Timothy 3:12** And indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

<sup>13</sup> But evil men and impostors will proceed *from bad* to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

<sup>14</sup> You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*;

<sup>15</sup> and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

<sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

**Acts 16:1** And he came also to Derbe and to Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek,

<sup>2</sup> and he was well spoken of by the brethren who were in Lystra and Iconium.

<sup>3</sup> Paul wanted this man to go with him; and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those parts, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.

### 3. Promote and admire c \_\_\_\_\_ over appearance

**Proverbs 31:30** Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, *But* a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.

**1 Peter 3:3** And let not your adornment be *merely* external-- braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses;

<sup>4</sup> but *let it be* the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.

**Proverbs 11:22** As a ring of gold in a swine's snout, *So is* a beautiful woman who lacks discretion.

### 4. Be a g \_\_\_\_\_

**James 3:13** Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom.

<sup>14</sup> But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth.

<sup>15</sup> This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic.

<sup>16</sup> For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.

<sup>17</sup> But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy.

<sup>18</sup> And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

### 5. Honor the marriage c \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 19:3** And *some* Pharisees came to Him, testing Him, and saying, "Is it lawful *for a man* to divorce his wife for any cause at all?"

<sup>4</sup> And He answered and said, "Have you not read, that He who created *them* from the beginning made them male and female,

<sup>5</sup> and said, 'For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh '?

<sup>6</sup> "Consequently they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate."

<sup>7</sup> They said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to give her a certificate of divorce and send *her* away?"

<sup>8</sup> He said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart, Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; but from the beginning it has not been this way.

<sup>9</sup> "And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery."

### 6. Affirm and pursue their desire for oneness, esteem and

s \_\_\_\_\_ **Matthew 19:3-9**

### 7. Practice f \_\_\_\_\_, integrity and trustworthiness

**Job 31:1** "I Have made a covenant with my eyes; How then could I gaze at a virgin?"

**Deuteronomy 5:21** 'You shall not covet your neighbor's wife

**Proverbs 5:15** Drink water from your own cistern, And fresh water from your own well.

<sup>16</sup> Should your springs be dispersed abroad, Streams of water in the streets?

<sup>17</sup> Let them be yours alone, And not for strangers with you.

<sup>18</sup> Let your fountain be blessed, And rejoice in the wife of your youth.

<sup>19</sup> As a loving hind and a graceful doe, Let her breasts satisfy you at all times; Be exhilarated always with her love.

<sup>20</sup> For why should you, my son, be exhilarated with an adulteress, And embrace the bosom of a foreigner?

<sup>21</sup> For the ways of a man are before the eyes of the LORD, And He watches all his paths.

## 8. Love and s\_\_\_\_\_ for them

**Ephesians 5:25** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her;

<sup>26</sup> that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

<sup>27</sup> that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be holy and blameless.

**1 Corinthians 13:4** Love is patient, love is kind, *and* is not jealous; love does not brag *and* is not arrogant,

<sup>5</sup> does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered,

<sup>6</sup> does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;

<sup>7</sup> bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup> Love never fails;

## 9. Be a s\_\_\_\_\_ -leader

**Ephesians 5:21-33**

## 10. P\_\_\_\_\_ their children

**Ephesians 6:4** And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger; but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

## 11. P\_\_\_\_\_ for them

**1 Timothy 5:3** Honor widows who are widows indeed;

<sup>4</sup> but if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to practice piety in regard to their own family, and to make some return to their parents; for this is acceptable in the sight of God.

<sup>5</sup> Now she who is a widow indeed, and who has been left alone has fixed her hope on God, and continues in entreaties and prayers night and day.

<sup>6</sup> But she who gives herself to wanton pleasure is dead even while she lives.

<sup>7</sup> Prescribe these things as well, so that they may be above reproach.

<sup>8</sup> But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever.

## 12. Empower them for m\_\_\_\_\_

**1 Corinthians 16:19** The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Prisca greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.

## 13. Thank them for their p\_\_\_\_\_ life and pray for them

**Ephesians 5:18** And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,

<sup>19</sup> speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;

<sup>20</sup> always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;

<sup>21</sup> and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

## 14. F\_\_\_\_\_ them

**Ephesians 4:31** Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

<sup>32</sup> And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

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