

SCRIPTURE: Acts 16:1-3; 1 Timothy 1:1-7; 2 Timothy 3:10-17

SERMON: An Honorable & Rewarding Profession

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INTRODUCTION: DESPISED & PENALIZED (Rom.1:30; 2Tm.3:2; see 1Th.2:7; Tt.2:1f,7)

I. THE HONOR OF MOTHERHOOD: POWER & AUTHORITY

A. AN EXALTED OFFICE (1Tm.5:14; see Ps.113:9-8-5; see Dt.21:17; Col.1:15f; 1Tm.2:13; 1Cor.11:8f)

B. AN EXTENSIVE DOMAIN (Prov.31:10f; Lk.8:3; Acts 16:14,15; 1Tm.5:14,16; Tt.2:4,5)

C. AN EXECUTIVE FUNCTION

1. shared duty (Ex.20:12=Dt.5:16=Eph.6:1,2; Prov.1:8; 4:3; 6:20; 10:1; 23:22; see 2Kngs.15:2,3; 33,34; etc.)

2. primary responsibility (Eph.6:1-4; Col.3:20,21)

3. primary execution (Prov.31:26-28; 1f; 2Kngs.4:19; 1Tm.5:10,14; Tt.2:4,5; see 2Tm.1:5; 3:15)

D. A PASTORAL INFLUENCE (see Eph.4:11,12; see Prov.31:1f; contrast 2Chr.22:3)

E. SUMMARY: PROFESSIONAL STATUS (see Prov.31:28-31,10f; 1Tm.5:14; note: business cards)

II. THE REWARDS OF MOTHERHOOD: PRESENT & ETERNAL

A. YOUR SALVATION (1Tm.2:14,15; see 4:16a; 1Cor.9:23,19f; Prov.31:10f; see Eph.2:8f; 2Cor.5:21)

B. THE SALVATION OF YOUR CHILDREN (1Tim.4:16b; 2Tim.1:5; 3:14f; Ps.22:9; Prov.31:26f,1f; Mt.15:22; see Rom.9:6f; Lk.8:5f; see Lk.15:11f; 2Chr.32:33f; 33:12f; Monica-Augustine, *Confessions*)

C. GLORY & HONOR (Dt.5:16 (21:18f w/Mt.18:15f); Ps.113:6f; Prov.31:28; see 2Tim.3:15/2(Rom.1:30); note: 2Kngs.17:17,18 vs. Ps.127:3; 128:1f; but see 1Cor.7:8,11; 32,34)

D. THE KINGDOM OF GOD (Mt.25:34f; Rom.2:7; see Gal.6:7f; 2Cor.9:6; Mt.6:1f; 1Cor.15:58)

CONCLUSION: RESPECT & REWARD (Ex.20:12; Eph.6:4; see 1Tm.5:14; Prov.31:28-31; see 1Cor.15:58)

Discussion question:

*Brethren, what shall **WE do**? (see Acts 2:37f)*