

Introduction: Please Show Me *Which* Box Top?

- **The What** = “Step In” and support
- **The How** = A woman's top 3 priorities
 1. Nurture
 2. Protection
 3. Provision

¹⁰*An excellent wife, who can find? For her worth is far above jewels. ¹¹The heart of her husband trusts in her, And he will have no lack of gain. ¹²She does him good and not evil All the days of her life.*

Proverbs 31:10-12 (NIV)

So I would prefer that the younger widows get married, have children, and take care of their homes, so as to give our enemies no chance of speaking evil of us.

1 Timothy 5:14 (NIV)

³*Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips, nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, ⁴that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, ⁵to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be dishonored.*

Titus 2:3-5 (NIV)

How to “step in” and support to lead your family in righteousness:

1. A wife's 1st priority is to support, affirm, and _____ her husband to fulfill his God-given calling both within and outside the home.

Genesis 2:18

- The Role = “The _____” – A teammate and best friend
- The Practical Outworking
 1. Make time with _____ your #1 priority.
 2. Pray for him regularly.
 3. Plan for him daily.
 4. Prepare for him daily.
 5. Protect your time with him.

2. A wife's 2nd priority is to create an environment in the home that _____
and _____ her children to fulfill God's will for their lives.

1 Timothy 5:14

- The Role = "The _____" – A teacher, counselor, consoler, and refuge for her children

- The Practical Outworking
 1. Model dependency on Christ.

 2. Pray for your children _____.

 3. Create structures and _____ times that make family life a priority.

 4. _____ them how to live.

 5. Make time for them – be _____.

3. A woman's 3rd priority is to train _____ in the art of becoming a godly wife and mother.

Titus 2:3-5

- The Role = "The _____" – A spiritual guide to provide practical insight and coaching
- The Practical Outworking = A women's mentoring program

4. Important questions to ponder:

1. Should a woman work outside the home? When? Why? Why not?
2. What about single moms who have to work?
3. What if you can't live on one income?

House or Home: Marriage
Personal Commitment – Week 5

Nurturing, Providing, Protecting

- As a wife, I will assume primary responsibility for the establishment of a nurturing home environment for my husband and children.

- Starting this week, I will prayerfully consider what steps I should take toward fulfilling my responsibilities in the following areas:
 - Support, affirm and empower my husband.

 - Create an environment to nurture and develop my children.

 - Mentor other women (or be mentored) to become a godly wife and mother.

 - **My action step will be** _____
_____.

Signed

Date