The Glory of Motherhood

(Every Woman's Chance to Overturn the Curse)

<u>Text</u>: 1 Timothy 2:9-15, Emphasis v. 15 <u>Main Idea</u>: Raising godly children is every mother's glorious chance to overturn the curse of the fall!

1.	Godly mothers <i>continue</i> in life with deepin God.
	 Evidenced in: Like Hannah! (1 Sam 1) Evidenced through: Like Jechobed! (Ex 2) Evidenced through: Like Mary! (Luke 1)
2.	Godly mothers <i>continue</i> in life with a passionate for God.
	 Love for God which the Bible daily. Love for God which regularly. Love for God which sacrificially.
3.	Godly mothers <i>continue</i> in life with a life of
	 They have a holy (v. 9) They have a holy (v. 9) They have holy (v. 10)
4.	Godly mothers <i>continue</i> in life with a life of (Titus 2:4-5)
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Application Questions:

- 1. In verse 15, the apostle Paul says that women (mothers) will be "saved" if they continue in certain character traits. Certainly this is not saved in a salvation sense, but rather saved from the stigma of leading the human race into sin (context of v. 14). What *hindrances* might cause you (or your wife) to abandon this God-given calling to continue in your God-given role as a mother?
- 2. As a mother how hard is it to continue in what the Word says when your husband and your children don't appreciate you like they should? What must you do in order to keep focused on your eternal reward rather than the present self-gratification?
- 3. Meditate on the four character qualities that Paul lists in v. 15: **Faith, love, holiness, & self-control**. How can you better exhibit these qualities in your "womanhood" or "motherhood?" What needs to change in your habits to improve in these areas?
- 4. What does it mean to be a woman of faith? Recall & reread the stories of Hannah (1 Samuel 1), Jochebed mother of Moses (Ex 2) & Mary (Luke 1). How can you imitate these women of faith in your own situation?
- 5. What does it mean to be a woman of love? Does love have a "feeling" all the time or is it more of an unwavering commitment? Review the qualities of Love in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. Which of these qualities do you need to work on in your relationship with your husband & kids?
- 6. What does it mean to be a woman of purity? Review 1 Timothy 2:9-10 & 1 Peter 3:1-6. Make a list of all the qualities that these passages say is evidence of a godly woman. Evaluate yourself & pray over each quality for yourself.
- 7. What does it mean to be a woman of self-control? Are there any areas in your life that need more control?