

Morning Message: *Under Her Influence*

Texts: 2 Timothy 1:5; 3:14-17

LESSON PREMISE: Motherhood is a beautiful thing – and _____!

I. Many mothers don't know their own strength – the power to _____ their children

- a. The term “influencer” is _____ a new thing ...
- b. As an old poet once wrote, “*The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand _____.*”

II. A mother's influence can go either way ...

a. It can be used for evil

- 🔻 _____! (Gen 27:1-14)
- 🔻 _____! (2 Chron 22:1-3)
- 🔻 _____! (Mat 14:6-12)
- 🔻 _____ ambition! (Mat 20:20-21)

b. Or, it can be used for good, for _____!

- 🔻 _____ good things from God's Word (Prov 6:20-23; 31:1; Song 8:2; Titus 2:3-5)
- 🔻 _____ them to faith and salvation (2 Tim 1:5; 3:14-17)
 - 1) _____ faith to the next generation (Eph 4:5; Rom 10:17; Deut 6:6-9)
 - 2) _____ what is being taught (2 Tim 3:14,10-11; Phil 4:9)
 - 3) _____ their children the greatest advantage in life (2 Tim 3:15)

III. Motherhood under siege—2 Timothy 3:12-14

- a. The truth about the world and the church
 - 1) Under _____ influences
 - 2) Growing in _____ directions
 - 3) Which explains the world's opposition to the “godly” (3:12)
- b. We can see 3:13 happening right before our eyes—one clear example is the real “war on women”
 - ☛ From BAD: In the 20th Century, “_____ism” challenged traditional and Biblical domestic _____
 - ☛ To WORSE: In the 21st Century, “_____ism” is challenging God's natural _____ for humanity:
 - 1) DEFINITION ISSUES: (Gen 1:27; 2:23-24; 3:20; 5:1-2; Eccl 7:29—Our _____ do not change God's DESIGN!)
 - 2) TRANSITION ISSUES: (Rom 9:20-21; Is 45:9-11; 29:16)
 - 3) REPRODUCTION ISSUES: (1 Cor 11:11-12)
The tragedy of _____

(Scripture List: Gen 1:27-28; 4:1; 9:6; Exodus 20:13; 21:22-25; Deut 30:15,19; Job 10:11-12; 31:15; Psalm 71:5-6; 119:73a; 127:3-5; 139:13-16; Prov 6:17; 24:11-12; 31:8; Jer 1:5; Amos 1:13; Luke 1:41; 2:12,16; 18:15 – see NOTE below)

LESSON PLEA: _____ God's design for gender, marriage, and motherhood:

- ♥ In what we believe and _____ (Heb 13:4; Mat 19:3-6)
- ♥ And, in how we _____! (1 Pet 3:7-8; Eph 5:22-33; 6:1-4)

NOTE: In Luke 1:41, the pre-born John is called a babe or baby (“brephos”); the same Greek word used for baby Jesus in Luke 2:12,16, after He was born! It is the same word used of babies brought to Jesus in Luke 18:15. The Bible only uses human terms for unborn children, not impersonal terms like mass, tissue, cells or fetus.