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IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

WEEK FIFTEEN

KEEPER AT HOME

DAY 1

1. Begin your study time with prayer.
2. What are some ways you have heard a woman's role in the home described?
3. Look up Titus 2:5. What word precedes "at home?"
4. What does Proverbs 31:27 say the godly woman does?
5. While "workers at home" and "looks well to the ways of her household" often imply domestic responsibilities, these words actually have a much more significant meaning in their original languages. The word in Titus is better translated "keeper" and the phrase in Proverbs 31 is better understood as a "watchman." How do these words expand your concept of your role in your home? In what ways do you serve as the "watchman" for your home?
6. Write out this week's memory verse on a notecard or a piece of paper and post it somewhere you will see it often (e.g bathroom mirror, car, desk, kitchen sink, etc.).

Scripture Memory:

The Lord is your keeper; The Lord is your shade on your right hand. The sun will not smite you by day, Nor the moon by night. The Lord will protect you from all evil; He will keep your soul.

~Psalm 121:5-7

I'm praying about:

DAY 2

1. Begin your study time with prayer.
2. In Scripture a keeper is given responsibility for a certain task. Notice the word "gatekeeper" in the following verses and list the places they served: 2 Kings 7:10-11 and 22:14; 1 Chronicles 9:17-18 & 21-22 and 15:23-24.
3. Why would a gatekeeper be needed and what function does the gatekeeper serve?
4. Ancient cities were surrounded by high walls for their protection. The most vulnerable place in the wall was the gate. It was the point through which everything passed that entered the city. How would the character of the gatekeeper matter? What consequences might his/her lack of diligence have for the people in the city?
5. You are called to be the gatekeeper of your home. Are you diligent in carefully deciding what is allowed to pass the threshold into your home? How might things that should be kept out gain entrance?
6. Write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 3

1. Begin your study time with prayer.
2. In Proverbs, looking well to the ways of our household is likened to being a watchman. While the gatekeeper was a stationary position, the watchmen of the city would roam throughout the city to keep order and also walk along the top of the city wall scanning for friend or foe who may be approaching. How does the role of a watchman apply to you and your home?
3. What are we guarding against in 2 Corinthians 2:11, Ephesians 4:27 & 6:11 and 1 Peter 5:8?
4. In what ways do you see the enemy specifically attacking your home and how can you help safeguard those areas? (The idea of "home" could extend beyond the walls of your house to encompass those you are close to and care deeply about.) Take a moment and pray about these areas.
5. What does Ezekiel 33:1-5 call you to as a "watchman?" According to Galatians 6:1, if and when we are called to "blow the trumpet" in warning of sin we see around us, what should be our approach?
6. Write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 4

1. Begin your study time with prayer. In addition to keeping the enemy out of your home, what other responsibilities do you have as a "keeper at home?"
2. Read Proverbs 31:10-31. What are some of the ways you notice the woman in this passage "keep" her home?
3. If we are to follow what is written in Ephesians 5:22-24, who determines how each household functions? What does that indicate about our opinion regarding the functionality of any home except our own?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 14:33 and evaluate your own home. Is this verse an accurate reflection of your home? As the keeper of your home, are there any areas improvement is needed? Is there unity in decision making? Conflict is inevitable, but the enemy gains a foothold when conflict isn't dealt with appropriately. What actions or heart attitudes is the Lord convicting you about that need to change as the "Keeper" of your home?
5. Write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 5

1. Begin your study time with prayer.
2. Read Psalm 121, Proverbs 18:10 and Isaiah 27:3. In what ways does the Lord "keep" us?
3. In Judges 9:51 the people of the city are being attacked by Abimelech. What does it say they do?
4. A tower in a city could function both as a place from which to watch and also as a refuge for safety. Webster's 1828 dictionary defines a refuge as "that which shelters or protects from danger, distress or calamity; a stronghold which protects by its strength, or a sanctuary which secures safety by its sacredness." Think of your home; is it a peaceful place? Does it serve as a refuge to all who enter there? In what ways do you make your home a shelter or a sanctuary from the chaos and confusion of the world?
5. We are called to be keepers and watchmen over our homes, but this is not a job we can do alone. What does Psalm 127:1 say? Who is ultimately responsible for keeping our homes and how is this encouraging?
6. Write out this week's memory verse below: