



MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS

I. Challenges our Daughters Face

- A. A New Supreme Pursuit vs. the Biblical Pursuit.
- B. The Decline of Feminine Skills Training
- C. The Legacy of the Absent Mom

II. What Mom's Contribute to Their Daughters

- A. Moms are the primary feminine role models for their daughters.
- B. Moms are the primary teachers/disciplers of their daughters.
- C. Moms can create and participate in ceremonies that celebrate true femininity for their daughters.

Ceremonies to Celebrate True Femininity

(Three Ideas)

1. Puberty:

- Mom takes daughter through Dennis and Barbara Rainey's "Passport to Purity" prior to her 13th birthday.
- On 13th birthday, she has a ceremonial supper date with Dad. (Dressed up, real nice restaurant). Dad gives her a little locket (2 initials on it, with a blank place to put her future husband's last initial on), as he gives her the locket, he talks to her from the male perspective of the virtue, beauty and the value of sexual purity.

"This is just my encouragement to you as a dad to live a life of godliness and keep yourself pure for your husband." Then he reminds her that evening, "If you ever fail, I just want you to know straight up from your dad, I will never ever stop loving you." And, with repentance you have God's forgiveness and a fresh start.
- Ask her to commit to a vow of sexual purity till marriage.
- Party with family and friends at the close of the evening, praying together for her to grow into womanhood.

2. Leaving Home for College or starting a Career:

- Three (3) women take daughter out to a ceremonial dinner, mom gives daughter a little cross (four points of the cross are the Real Woman definition: Rejects Worldly Temptations for Significance, Accepts God's Design for Relationships, Nurtures the Next Generation, and Expects the Greater Reward; God's Reward.) They talk to her about what it means to be a woman, what it means to leave home, being responsible, what to do and not do, and advice about what they would have done differently. Encouraging her with what a high calling it is to true womanhood, sharing stories and relating with her what a privilege it is to raise their children, and have supportive husbands that have encouraged that.
- Conclude the evening with the dads in a ceremonial circle of prayer.

3. Wedding Rehearsal Dinner:

- Mom gets up and tells the story of the daughter's life, walks through the ceremonies that have taken place and how she was called into womanhood.
- Take the family crest (coat of arms or statement of family values) present it to the son-in-law; invite the son-in-law to join the ranks of manhood as part of their family. (The crest is different for the daughters than the sons; it is a feminized version with the diamond in the center of the crest) The transfer of the crest/values symbolizes that he is taking up where her parents left off and he is taking her values to himself. And she is challenged at that point to be a godly wife.

Discussion Questions:

1. From our Reflection Assignment last week:
 1. If you are not a mother, what have you learned about the men in your life and the importance of their mothers?
 2. If you are the mother of daughters, what do you need to teach them from this lesson?
 3. If you are the mother of a son, what can you do to help your son become the man God intends him to be?
2. In one or two words, describe your relationship with your mother.
3. How has your mother shaped your view of femininity?
4. If an alien observer was studying “human women,” and you were the only specimen, what would the description be like?
5. Name one way in which you could better represent “womanhood” to an observer.
6. What attitudes toward men are you modeling to the young women in your life?
7. If you have a daughter, have you developed any special ways of celebrating the value of true womanhood with her? Do you have any ideas in mind?

For the remainder of our study the **Reflection Assignments** are combined into something called a **Womanhood Plan**. Take some time over the next couple of weeks to review the whole course and how it applies *in your life*. We’ve provided you with a worksheet to walk you through the process, but feel free to create any format for your “plan” that works for you.