

Growing Girls ~ Part 4

The Girl God has in Mind

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As we have seen today, the main responsibility of an older Christian woman is to teach and train the younger women. If you are a mom of a girl, then she takes center stage of your teaching and training.

Also, as we have seen in these 4 weeks together, it seems as there is nothing being attacked more viciously than the role of young women. My, what an opportunity we have.

We are in the middle of a war against the divine commands for young women. And y'all, it is not just out there in the world. It has walked in the front door of the church. And not just the liberal churches ~ but it has walked in the door of conservative, evangelical churches as well.

And in today's climate, just reading the verses we've read and studied today is controversial. Women in the church are changing as they are adapting themselves to the culture. And as a result, the Word of God is being dishonored by women ~ our God, our Savior, is being dishonored and shamed by women. The women's movement has been and continues to be successful. I don't know if that will change - but I know I want to hold fast the faithful word no matter what.

As we close out our series, let me encourage you.

1. Let your girl see, above all else, that your hope and your joy is in your Savior. Not in your circumstances. Not in your beauty. Not in your husband. Not in your hopes and dreams. Include her in your prayer life and your quiet time life.
2. Laugh with her. Have fun! If your normal default is to be cranky and irritable, ask God to help you. Learn passages of Scripture that speak of a joyful heart. Much of life is sad and hard and challenging and filled with grief - God knows this, yet He calls us to find our joy in Him and He says laughter is good medicine. Go to His Word when your heart is overwhelmed with sadness and let Him help ... He wants to and He will. And when you do this, your girl will learn to do this. She needs to know how to seek God through sadness.
3. Let your girl see that you love God's Word more than a novel, a miniseries, a movie. Let her see you read it, study it, learn it, memorize it, apply it to daily life.
4. Let your girl hear you talk positively about homemaking. Joy can be found in anything. Organizing a drawer, even. Be thankful you have a home that gets messy and that you have helpers to help you not only mess it up, but clean it up.
5. Be what you want your girl to be. You are her model ~ either for good or bad. You won't be perfect, not even close ~ but what your girl will learn will be your heart.
6. Help your girl navigate hard things. Be available to really hear her and remember you were once her age.
7. Let your girl hear you speak positively of the boys and men all around her. Talk kindly to and about her daddy.
8. Encourage her womanliness and prepare her for changes in her body. Let her know that marriage to a man and being able to bear children is a good thing.
9. Be involved in a good, Bible-teaching church, one that holds and practices the biblical roles of men and women. Be an encourager to the leadership and the people.
10. Let your girl see you employ your spiritual gift in the body of Christ with cheerfulness.
11. Hug your girl as often and as much as you can. And tell her you love her.
12. PRAY PRAY PRAY and ALWAYS obey what you know.