## Mother and Wife John Crawford

## I. Introduction.

- A. We are to do more than what is expected of us to feed on God.
- B. Verses on the mother/wife.
  - 1. Submission. (Ephesians 5:24-25)
  - 2. The ideal wife/mother. (Proverbs 31:10-31)
  - 3. Humility. (1 Peter 3:1-4)
  - 4. The crown of a husband. (Proverbs 12:4)
  - 5. Authority. (1 Corinthians 11)
  - 6. Living the Life. (2 Timothy 1:5)
- C. Verses on the grandmother. (Titus 2:4, 2 Timothy 1:5, 1 Timothy 5)
- II. Problem passages.
  - A. Submission to her husband. (Ephesians 5, Colossians 3:18)
  - B. The wife is to be submissive to win over her unbelieving husband. She becomes the living testimony of the Bible to him. (1 Peter 3:1-7, Mark 4:14, 1 Peter 1:21, Jeremiah, Psalm 119:89, 119:1-11)
    - 1. A wife's responsibility is first to her husband and then her family.
    - 2. This is her testimony to the community.
    - 3. A wife loving her unbelieving husband can really win him over.
  - C. Women were to be silent in the church because they took the lead in speaking in tongues out of order. (1 Corinthians 14:44-45)
    - 1. Many women spoke in the church.
    - 2. The only command Paul gave was that a woman should not usurp authority. (1 Corinthians 11)
  - D. Women were to be silent in the churches the key here is that the men were not to be lorded over. (1 Timothy 2)
    - 1. Women were deceived and few want authority anyway.

- 2. Some women are able to lead and this should not be taken to an extreme.
- E. Women can teach as shown by Timothy's grandmother. (2 Timothy 3:14-15, 2 Timothy 1:5)
- F. In older age a woman ought to face things as they really are and they will be a tremendous blessing. (1 Timothy 5:14)
- G. It is our responsibility to take care of our parents by and large.
- H. Bad qualities that have to be watched out for among women.
  - 1. The tongue. (Proverbs 19:13)
  - 2. Women have a tougher time addressing concerns. They ought to address one another and make it easy to confess sin.
- I. If you are going to get help, it is going to hurt.

## **Application questions**

1. What do the verses on the mother/wife role tell us about its importance in Scripture? What do you find to be the outstanding passage?
2. Which problem passage was the most difficult for you? How did the speaker resolve it?
3. According to the Scriptures, what are Biblical roles for women in the Church?