“Whatever else may be said about the home, it is the bottom-line of life, the anvil upon which attitudes and convictions are hammered out. It is the place where life’s bills come due, the single most influential force in our earthly existence … it is at home, among family members that we come to terms with our circumstances. It is here life makes up its mind.” - Chuck Swindoll, Insight for Living Radio Bible Teacher

Galatians 4:19 (NIV)
Romans 8:28-29 (NIV)

“Older women … encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.” Titus 2:3-5 (NAS)

Make a list below of the things Titus 2:3-5 states that the young women are to be learning from the older women. Which of them do you most need Christ to form you? (try to pick only one or two)

The Heart of the Home/Family Life Boils Down To:

- The value of YOU; the wife, the mom, the Christian woman
- The priority of honoring YOUR HUSBAND
- The importance of SPIRITUAL FORMATION in your CHILDREN
The Value of YOU

“The young child’s hunger for his mother’s love and presence is as great as his hunger for food.” - John Bowlby

The Power of Mother Love by Dr. Brenda Hunter

The Priority of honoring YOUR HUSBAND

1 Peter 3:1-6

Proverbs 31

We see through Eve that God created women with an intuitive nature and thus, His intention is that we have a powerful influence on others.
The Importance of SPIRITUAL FORMATION in your CHILDREN

“We strive to give our children all the advantages our world has to offer, and to motivate them to make the most of available opportunities and resources, but unless their spiritual life is prioritized and nurtured, they will miss out on much of the meaning, purpose and joy of life.” – George Barna, Transforming Children into Spiritual Champions

“Passionate Christian parents who live each day with an overwhelming sense of Christ’s presence in their lives have a way of transferring more than a belief system to their children. They model a rich and deep faith that only seems to get better and more believable to their kids. This happens because their children are able to see how well their parents’ faith holds up, even in the face of life’s greatest challenges.” – Dr. Tim Kimmel, Why Christian Kids Rebel

Don’t confuse information with transformation.

“We have counted on preaching, teaching and knowledge or information form faith in the hearer, and counted on faith to form the inner life and outward behavior of the Christian. But, for whatever reason, this strategy has not turned out well. The result is that we have multitudes of professing Christians who well may be ready to die but obviously are not ready to live, and can hardly get along with themselves, let alone with others.” – Dallas Willard, The Great Omission
Further Study

1. Name one, or more things of value that YOU bring to your husband, your children and/or your home.

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2. Where do you see evidence of the Holy Spirit working, seeking to “form Christ” in you? Your husband? Your children, if they are old enough for such to be noticed? If you don’t know, ask the Holy Spirit to open the eyes of your heart to see what He is trying to do IN each one in your family.

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3. Is there a lie you have believed about your lack of value in your home, with your family? If so, write it down and call it what it is; a lie.

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4. Read and reflect on the following verses. Choose one of them as the truth to replace the lie you named in question #3.

Psalm 22:9
Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you, even at my mother’s breast.

Psalm 37:26
They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be a blessing.

Psalm 68:11
The Lord announces the word, and the women who proclaim it are a mighty throng

Psalm 103:17
But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord’s love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children’s children

Psalm 127:3
Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him.
Psalm 128:3
Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

Proverbs 12:4
A wife of noble character is her husband’s crown …

Proverbs 13:24
Whoever spares the rod hates their children, but the one who loves their children is careful to discipline them.

Proverbs 14:26
Whoever fears the Lord has a secure fortress, and for their children it will be a refuge.

Proverbs 17:6
Children’s children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children.

Proverbs 18:22
He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the Lord.

Proverbs 29:17
Discipline your children, and they will give you peace; they will bring you the delights you desire.

Proverbs 31:10-12
A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. Her husband has full confidence in her & lacks nothing of value. She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.

Proverbs 31:25-30
She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all. Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

1 Peter 3:3-4
Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God’s sight.

5. Meditate, ponder, think about the verses above and apply them to your personal value in regard to your family. Doing so will restore your mind with God’s truth.

Romans 12:2 (AMP) “Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you].”