## Portion:

#### **SCRIPTURES**

- Genesis 1:1-6:8
- Ephesians 5:21
- Philippians 1:1-4

## Title:

#### **SUITABLE HELPER**

- Marriage: Divinely Ordained
- Men & Women are Different
- Roles and Responsibilities

Most Christians are familiar with the creation account in Genesis. And one of the most notable recitals in that account is God's view on companionship. The idea is so critical that it inspires this revelatory imperative; "It is not good for man to be alone." As such, God causes a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and then extracts from within him, a helper comparable to him. Then God commands they reunite in marriage and to be fruitful and multiply. To the unbeliever this likely sounds very absurd, a bit like bad science fiction, and even a little insane, breaking from all reality.

To God's Children, this should represent the pinnacle of His intent for humanity. And God did not suggest, but commanded them to become one flesh in marriage and to multiply with children. Ah, there it is: the institution of marriage and the traditional family. In today's culture, even the word "marriage" can

trigger feelings once relegated to those intended by four letter words. The myriad of couples, who have endured the horrendous experience of divorce, might be the most trigger-worthy.

A <u>Barna study</u> suggests that for all adults surveyed, the overall percentage of people who had been divorced was 33%. For "born again Christians" it was 32%, and for the atheist/agnostic group it was only 30%. I don't know about you, but I find these comparisons appalling! Evangelicals fair a bit better at 26%. But, if you want the best chance of staying married, it's not Christ who makes the biggest difference, but money and ethnicity! Simply being rich lowers your risk of divorce to 22%. Yet, you are best off just being Asian, as they come in at only 20%.

For the unbeliever, it is almost a given that marriage should have a disastrous end. Two humans bound together and living under the same roof with no guiding parameters other than a humanistic perspective, self-help books, and advice from peers living in the same black hole—everything but God. On the other hand, the child of God should be poised for success. We have access to the Holy Spirit along with our Manufacturer's User's Manual for life, at our fingertips! So, why are we not experiencing greater results? What seems to be the problem? In today's study of God's inspired Word, we will hone in on both the problem and the solution, and on how to become a Suitable Helper!

#### THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." Genesis 1:26-28 ESV

But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ...And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. Genesis 2:20, 22-24 ESV

#### **OUTCOME: MAIN TAKEAWAY(S) I AM HOPING FOR PEOPLE**

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by *being of the same mind*, having the same love,

being in full accord and of one mind. *Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit*, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look *not only to his own interests*, but also to the *interests of others*. Philippians 1:1-4 ESV

## Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

The scroll of the Torah is the oldest and most sacred of all Israel's Scriptures. The Torah consists of the five Books of Moses. The English name Genesis comes from the Greek translation of the first Hebrew word found in the Bible, B'reisheet, which means "in the beginning" in Hebrew. Genesis means "origins" in Greek, therefore the name for the first book of the Bible means "The Book of Origins." Genesis describes the origins of everything. It begins with the origins of the universe, focuses on the origins of man and then explores the origins of the nation of Israel. One might say that the Book of Genesis is a prophetic microcosm of the entire bible, both Old and New Testaments. As we study the first week's reading, we will learn a great deal about God, but even more about ourselves. After all, this is the story of our origins. When properly understood, the story of our origin helps us find our destination.

- 2. Genesis begins with the history of creation and all that is good and evil and holy.
- 3. God creates and then separates. In fact, the first super-pattern introduced in the Holy Scriptures is the idea of separation.
- 4. The first thing Yahweh separated was light from darkness. Later, through the prophet Isaiah, He promised He would turn the darkness into light! And you are that light! (See the end of "Portion in a Blurb" for details of all that God separated in "A Super Pattern Established in Genesis!")
- 5. What life in God's garden is like is introduced and mankind is given explicit instructions on what to do and not to do. Freely eat from all trees except from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.
- 6. Against Yahweh's command, man, tempted by the enemy of our souls, chooses to know good and evil on his own terms, by eating from Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. "For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."" Genesis 3:5
- 7. Yahweh did have a plan for us to "become like God", but on His own terms... "For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk

- is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to **discern both good and evil**." Hebrews 5:12-14 NKJV
- 8. It is the great deception which challenges mankind, even unto this very day, "my will vs. His will." Y'shua made the ultimate declaration of the correct choice when He chose His father's will over His own life. "He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will..." Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done."" Matthew 26:39, 42 NKJV
- 9. The consequence of man's disobedience (outright rebellion), as warned by Yahweh, is death: "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." Genesis 2:17 NKJV
- 10. How does death eventually come for mankind that very day?

  Adam and Eve, and subsequently all of mankind, are then prevented from reaching out and "still" eating from the tree of life. "Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live

- forever"— therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life." Genesis 3:22-24 NKJV
- 11. What does this mean? As promised, Adam and Eve both die before reaching 1000 years old, in Yahweh's reckoning of time, before the day they sinned is ended. "But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." II Peter 3:8 from Psalm 90:4 NKJV
- 12. And when you study the genealogy of Adam, no man ever reaches 1000 years old. They all die in the "first day" of life.
- 13. Next we see the murder of Able (the second born) by his brother Cain (the first born). Cain spills Able's blood (man's blood) in the earth and it will take man's blood to redeem the earth.
- 14. Able is then redeemed, in a sense, by the birth of a third brother, Seth. "And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and named him Seth, "For God has appointed another seed for me instead of Abel, whom Cain killed."" Genesis 4:25 NKJV
- 15. The rest of Adam's geology, up to Noah and the flood, are then enumerated.

- 16. The portion ends with the depiction of the wickedness that has overtaken mankind, the judgment that is coming, and a declaration about Noah. "So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD." Genesis 6:7-8 NKJV
- 17. A Super Pattern Established in Genesis! The need for separation as a Super Pattern in the Bible. Separation means holy, set-part, or sanctified! (Day 1 is Good, Day 2 is ????, Day 3 is Good, Day 4 is Good, Day 5 is Good, Days 6 is Good, Day 7 is...Holy!)
  - (1) DAY 1 (Genesis 1:3-5) Light from darkness—Good
  - (2) DAY 2 (Genesis 1:6-8) Waters above and below the dome—
    - A. NOTE: this is the one thing God does not call "good" at the time, He just says, "and it was so" in v. 7 (He does later call all 6 days 'supremely good') and isn't it interesting that the dome is exactly what collapses in the FLOOD!? "In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened." Genesis 7:11 NKIV

- (3) DAY 3 (Genesis 1:9-13) Land from sea, and and all the foods from the earth—**Good**
- (4) DAY 4 (Genesis 1:14-19) Lights in the sky to govern day and night, and to mark events, sacred seasons, days, and years **Good**
- (5) DAY 5 (Genesis 1:20-23) Sea animals and birds—Good
- (6) DAY 6 (Genesis 1:24-31) Every kind of land creature and man and woman in His image—**Good**—"God saw everything he had made: it was **supremely good**. There was evening and there was morning: the sixth day." Genesis 1:3
  - A. NOTE: DAY 6 WAS GOOD BUT, IT WAS NOT GOOD FOR MAN TO BE ALONE! (In the detailed account of the creation of man in Genesis 2, it shows how it was **not good** for man to be alone, so he fashioned woman out of man—that is His IMAGE)
    - 1) [MAN ALONE? NOT GOOD! WOMAN FROM MAN? NOT GOOD! MAN UNITED WITH WOMAN? GOOD!] "And the LORD God said, " It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."" Genesis 2:18 NKJV
    - 2) [Woman is separated from man— however that is not good either until they BECOME ONE AGAIN!] "So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air,

and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him. And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man." Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." Genesis 2:20-24 NKJV

- (7) DAY 7 (Genesis 2:1-3) \*THE Sabbath? Not just good holy! This is a universal theme that runs from Genesis to revelation
  - A. [Separation of good and holy] "Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made." Genesis 2:1-3 NKJV
  - B. The Sabbath remains HOLY! EXODUS & HEBREWS

- ""Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. "For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it." Exodus 20:8-11 NKJV
- 2) HEBREWS—"For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all His works";… There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His." Hebrews 4:4, 9-10 NKJV
- C. AND WE TOO ARE CALLED TO BE SEPARATED (HOLY)! Therefore **be holy**...."but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."" I Peter 1:15-16 NKJV (From Leviticus 11:44-45; 19:2: 20:7,26)

#### **MARRIAGE**

## 1. Marriage is Divinely Ordained

## A. Not good for man to be alone

- (1) A Helper
  - (a) Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

    Genesis 2:18 ESV
    - 1. In His infinite wisdom, God reveals the importance of His creation living life in relationship to another. We were not intended to live alone.

#### B. Here is where trouble starts

- (1) An Incorrect Notion
  - (a) The notion of a woman being a helper to man has been incorrectly applied to demean women, and to somehow make them lower than their counterpart. Nothing could be further from the truth.
- (2) "A helper fit for him" may have quite a few different applications.
  - (a) What exactly did God mean by "fit"? The NIV uses "suitable" (a helper suitable for him). This is the translation used in today's title. One meaning and proper use of the word suitable is—worthy.

- (b) It is my assertion that God meant exactly that—worthy.

  By revealing to us the order in which He organized the world to function, the woman (Eve), whom He extracted from Adam, is *equally worthy* and infinitely important.
- (c) And of course we know this to be true because without women (man all alone) there would be no human reproduction.
- (d) However, beyond the obvious, God's intention for making a suitable helper for Adam goes well beyond a woman being an incubation machine.
- (e) It is the woman who functions in a higher emotional realm. Men on the other hand, while not totally devoid of emotions, are much less likely to let emotions be the driving factor in relationship building, problem resolution, child rearing, etc.

#### MEN AND WOMEN ARE DIFFERENT

- 2. God's intended flow of life: men and women are different.
  - A. <u>Parents and Child; Child meets Spouse; Child + Spouse = Parents; Parents and Child; Child meets Spouse, etc.</u>
    - (1) Marriage means it's time to move on...

- (a) Therefore a man *shall leave his father and his mother* and *hold fast to his wife,* and they shall *become one flesh*. Genesis 2:24 ESV
  - 1. The natural flow of God's order for His creation is that once parents have done their job, when their child has met their God-given spouse, that they (the children) will go and repeat the process.
  - 2. When they leave their parents, it is often misconstrued to mean in the physical sense, as in moving away from them. I would argue this also means to leave the preconceived notions that they are to imitate or emulate how their parents did life.
  - 3. Instead, they should carve out a life that God has in store for them.
  - 4. Pointing out flaws in your spouse by using your parents as a role model is sure to create havoc!
  - 5. When a believing couple becomes one flesh, the word "divorce" should be immediately removed from their vocabulary. The moment a person considers that there is a way out of something, it is human nature to ponder that escape at a time when that opportunity presents itself.

- a) As a matter of fact, if the wording used in this verse (Genesis 2:24) were taken literally, there could be no other way to interpret it to say anything other than the two are *"inseparably bonded,* united, melted together."
- b) The most obvious way a man and woman become one flesh is through consummation of physical relations. That is the reason why the Apostle Paul decries illicit sexual behavior. The act of sexual intercourse is a manifestation of "one flesh", but is also metaphoric for several other aspects of the life men and women are to lead once married.
- 6. Have you pondered how a Godly couple **can truly become one flesh**? By looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. This means, recognizing that one must decrease in order that He (Jesus) might increase. Otherwise, our relational affairs are no different than the world in which we live. Hence the reason the rate of divorce in our churches is similar to outside the church.

## B. Have this mind...

(1) Others First!

- (a) So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by **being of the same mind**, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. **Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit**, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look **not only to his own interests**, but also to the **interests of others**. Philippians 1:1-4 ESV
  - 1. Surrender the will of your life to God— No one apart from God can fulfill His ultimate intended goal for His creation, most poignantly in the realm of spiritual fulfillment. In other words, you can't fulfill God's will for your life without being submitted to His will.
  - 2. Submit yourselves one to another— Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might

- sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word Ephesians 5:22-26 ESV
- 3. Ephesians 5:21 says ,"submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ." In reverence to our Lord and Savior, we are to submit one to another. And while the following verses specifically tells the wife to submit to her husband. It is *utterly impossible* for a wife to willingly submit to her husband who is not himself willing to submit to Christ, to her, and to the marriage. This is all at the behest of God's word in which the husband is exhorted to love his wife the same way Christ loves His Church.

## (2) Things to do!

- (a) **Study your spouse** We are creatures of habit. Our significant counterpart has personality traits we should desire to understand. Learning and understanding these will make a way for the relationship to reach depths and heights never imagined.
- (b) **Do not parent your spouse** Having begun your journey of studying your spouse. Don't make the mistake of parenting them. This is a common mistake and it is one that will backfire each and every time.

1. Hence the reason we are exhorted to leave our parents. Like already said, I am convinced this command has to do much with more than just physically leaving. It seems relatively obvious that attempting to insert our parents' relationship into our marriage will have consequences. Now, no one is saying that there is no value in using successful marital practices passed on by them. But, to use them as a bludgeoning tool, will not go over well.

# (c) Do not use profanity or demeaning language against one another!

- But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another! Galatians 5:15 NKJV
- 2. *A fool's mouth is his destruction,* and his lips are the snare of his soul Proverbs 18:7 NKJV
- Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit. Proverbs 18:21 NKJV
- 4. A soft answer *turns away wrath*, but a harsh word stirs up anger Proverbs 15:1 NKJV

- 5. Don't we forfeit all rights to demand respect from someone when we use language not befitting a child of God?
- 6. Doesn't it make sense that the person you claim to love should not have doubts about the truthfulness of your love, based on how you address them?

## (d) Do not use "always and never" in arguments-

- It is extremely common for couples to get into an argument or a discussion, and for one or both parties to assault each other by using absolute words such as "always and never"
- 2. A few examples could be:
  - a) You never let me finish what I am saying...
  - b) You never take the garbage out on time...
  - c) You never help me wash dishes or put them away...
  - d) You always have something to say...
  - e) You always want to hurt me by minimizing the way I feel...
  - f) You never pay the bills on time...
- 3. You get the picture, and if you are in a committed relationship. Undoubtedly, you have dealt with this to some extent.

4. This is definitely a root cause of many arguments that end up in hurtful conversations, and in some cases, those hurtful conversations can end up in much more heated situations leading to disastrous endings.

## C. <u>Do not let your eyes wander</u>-

- (1) A covenant with your eyes...
  - (a) I have made a covenant with my eyes; why then should I look upon a young woman? Job 31:1 NKJV
- (2) No provision for the flesh...
  - (a) But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and *make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lust* Romans 13:14 NKJV
- (3) Temptation is no excuse...
  - (a) No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it. 1 Corinthians 10:13 NKJV
- (4) Sin starts with your eyes...
  - (a) But I say to you whoever *looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his* heart. Matthew 5:28 NKJV
    - 1. In allowing your eyes to wander, you will cause your spouse to feel insecure. You will cause your spouse to

feel they are inadequate, and if the opportunity presents itself, you just might step outside of your marriage covenant.

#### ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

#### 3. Men and Women are different!

## A. So are their roles and responsibilities...

- (1) Having to point this out is almost laughable!
  - (a) But it's true. Outside of the obvious fact that we are biologically different, we have an entirely different make up as it relates to relationships and what we each desire and expect from our counterpart.

#### (2) Men

## (a) Men are to be protectors—

 Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 ESV

## (b) Men are to be providers—

- But if anyone does not **provide for his own**, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever 1 Timothy 5:8 NKJV
- (c) Men are to be patient—

1. Therefore **be patient**, **brethren**, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. James 5:7-8 NKJV

### (d) Men are to be servant leaders-

1. In the likeness of our Lord and Savior, we are to live out our Christian faith with an attitude of leadership that resembles Christ. "For the *husband is the head...*" Ephesians 5:23 means he is a leader, not a leader in the sense of someone who sits around barking orders at people, but someone who is willing to lead the way Jesus did, and to serve others in the likeness of Jesus, a true servant leader!

#### (3) Women

## (a) Women are to be prepared—

- Her lamp does not go out at night. Proverbs 31:18b
   ESV
  - a) The Godly wife is engaged in the affairs of her household. She understands that her husband is being productive for the home in order that she can have what is needed to keep things

functioning in the home. In that culture, in order to have oil for the lamps would require pressing the oil. If the wife was not keeping track of how much oil was in the lamps, it could be a dark night for everyone.

## (b) Women are to be productive—

- 1. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Proverbs 31:27 ESV
  - a) The Godly wife is excited to have her hand on the plow taking care of the home. She is not bitter or resentful about being at home devising ways to keep things in order, raising children (if they have any). She looks for ways to continue developing her gifts, and does not allow herself to fall into idleness.

## (c) Women are to be clothed in strength and dignity—

 Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. Proverbs 31:25 ESV

#### **CONCLUSION**

#### 4. Marital Witness

A. Men and women living in harmony with God's ways are a great witness to the unbelieving world.

- (1) It is the intention of the enemy, through societal pressures to affect the mind of the believer, to cause the believer to feel as if they are living out of sorts, disconnected if you will, from God's ways.
- (2) The way society dictates and expects we should live is contrary to how God expects His Children to live.
- (3) There is not greater example of this than in the confusion of roles. One does not need to look too deep into this subject to realize the roles have been reversed.
- (4) One does not need to do much more than to see less than a handful of T.V ads, billboards, and social media posts to realize that men have forfeited their God given command to "Be watchful, act like men, be strong."
- (5) Men, almost as a whole, have been hoodwinked into permissively living submissive lives. They much rather let their wives go out and be the bread earner, to make life changing decisions almost singularly, and to have very little input, if any at all, as it relates to child rearing.
- (6) We, as Children of God are called to turn this tide around!

  Our marriages need to be shining examples and not the

  norm of what we see in society today.
- (7) Godly men and Godly women need to live out their Godgiven roles as laid out in His Holy Scriptures. Our

- marriages are ministries to the onlooking world. Those worldly eyes keeping watch can either be drawn closer to God, or be pushed further away.
- (8) Which one would you rather be, the one drawing someone closer, or the one pushing someone further?

#### **QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION**

- 1. God says, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." (Genesis 2:18)
  - A. Why has a woman's designation as "a helper" caused such dissension in our culture?
  - B. The Scriptures call her "fit" or "suitable" or "comparable" depending on the translation you read. Write a short paragraph explaining how these are to meant to convey "of equal worth."
- 2. God says, "Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. (Genesis 2:24)
  - A. Why is it so important to leave and become one with your spouse?
  - B. What else might you be called to leave behind, other than just a physical location?
  - C. How is "one flesh" antithetical to divorce?

# 3. One way to stay happily married is to live by Philippians 1:1-4...

- A. How can it help improve marriage (and other relationships)?
- B. Ephesians 5:22-26 teaches us about submission. Explain why mutual submission is the secret to a wife submitting to her husband.
- C. Why is it utterly impossible for a wife to willingly submit to her husband who is not himself willing to submit to Christ?

#### 4. Do not use profanity or demeaning language!

A. Use Galatians 5:15; and Proverbs 15:1, 18:7, 18:21 to craft a commitment statement about your tongue.

## 5. Do not let your eyes wander!

- A. Use Job 31:1; Romans 13:14 and Matthew 5:28 to create a commitment statement about your eyes.
- B. How can I Corinthians 10:13 help when you are tempted?

# 6. Men are called to be protectors, providers, and patient serving leaders...

A. Use I Corinthians 16:13-14; I Timothy 5:8; James 5:7-8 and Ephesians 5:22-26 to write a short narrative about a man's responsibility.

# 7. Woman are called to be prepared, productive and clothed in strength and dignity...

A. Read Proverbs and list all the attributes of a godly woman.