



Called to Full-Time Ministry

“She tastes and sees that her gain from work [with and for God] is good; Her lamp goes not out; but it burns on continually through the night [of trouble, privation or sorrow, warning away fear, doubt and distrust].”

Proverbs 31:18 Amplified

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It is important for all of us to see that, as believers, we are called to full-time ministry. We are all called of God to be full-time missionaries. Parents have a full-time ministry and mission field with their children; their highest priority being to see them come to faith in Jesus as their Savior. Next is to help them daily mature in their faith. Parents, our children are watching and listening to us, whether they are natural children, adopted, foster or spiritual children. They need to daily see us live out our faith in every situation.

When we fall in sin or make mistakes, we need to admit it and ask for forgiveness. We need to daily build godly character qualities into their lives, preparing them for their call, their vocation and for marriage if that is God’s plan for them. It’s never too early to start, and if they are still at home, it’s never too late.

We also need to ask ourselves some questions, and be honest. Do I live a life before my children that tells them that Jesus is first in my life, by daily reading and obeying the Bible, by having time in prayer, by how I treat my mate and other people, how I spend my money, how I eat, how I treat my body as well as how I spend my leisure time? Do my children see me glorify Jesus and that this is of utmost importance to me? Or do they see my life in compartments, sometimes glorifying Jesus while at other times glorifying myself and my flesh? One

day their schoolteachers, employers and their mate will bless or curse us, depending on whether or not we developed godly values in them as we raised them.

This lady in Proverbs 31:18 lived a lifestyle that glorified Jesus Christ. She did everything with God and for God. Reading this scripture as a new believer, I wanted to follow her example. God’s amazing grace helped and empowered me to do so. After years of living in darkness without hope, I’m so grateful for my salvation in Jesus and for His love, grace and mercy toward me. I want to daily be living a life that glorifies Him.

Contact me if you are interested in tapes on “God’s Vision For Children,” or “Raising Godly Children.” Raising children for God’s glory is a high and holy calling and an awesome responsibility. The Bible is our instruction manual. The Holy Spirit gives us His grace and power.

I encourage you to raise your children for God’s glory. Remember, you are being watched.

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