
The Power of Influence (The Priceless Woman)

The Divine Family

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Sermon: The Divine Family: The Power of Influence (The Priceless Woman)

Lesson Text

1 Peter 3:1–6 (AV)¹ Likewise, ye wives, *be* in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; ² While they behold your chaste conversation *coupled* with fear. ³ Whose adorning let it not be that outward *adorning* of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; ⁴ But *let it be* the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, *even the ornament* of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. ⁵ For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: ⁶ Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.

Hebrews 10:24–25 (AV)²⁴ And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: ²⁵ Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Introduction

Last week we talked about the importance of each member of the family to do their part:

Colossians 3: ¹⁸ Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. ¹⁹ Husbands, love *your* wives, and be not bitter against them. ²⁰ Children, obey *your* parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

- Just Do Your Part with your Whole Heart
- Just Do Your Faith by Trusting in the Lord
- Just Do Your Encouragement by Encouraging Yourself in the Lord

Today we want to look at one of the Key roles of the Woman.

In my book “The Relationship Battleplan”, I discuss the roles of the Woman in the Divine Family:

- She is Powerful enough to never give in
- She is Priceless enough to never go cheap
- She is Prayerful enough to never give up
- She is Patient enough to never give out

This sermon will focus on Her Value!

Proverbs 31: ¹⁰ Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price *is* far above rubies. ¹¹ The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. ¹² She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

Our lesson text says that her value is not in her looks or outward appearance, but within the inward appearance of her heart.

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God says what makes her priceless is not in her ability to control with her outward beauty, but in her ability to Influence with her meek and quiet spirit of her inward heart.

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“The Influence of Conversation, Good Works, and The Heart”

I. The Influence of Conversation

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One of the first things that makes a woman priceless is her power to influence through conversation.

The modern definition of conversation means to talk between two or more people to exchange ideas. But when people engage in modern conversation during times of conflict, it leads to arguments, disputes, disagreements, and fights.

And so, when couples say, “We Need To Talk,” things usually don’t get better, they get worse!

But the conversation that we see in our lesson text is the Greek Word *Anastrophe* which is translated as “manner of life, conduct, behavior, and deportment.”

The first one is an attempt to change and control, whereas the latter is about influence.

Our conversation of arguing will never control or change another person, but our conversation of behavior can influence them to want to change themselves.

Sermons We See by Edgar Guest

- *I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day; I'd rather one should walk with me than merely tell the way. The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear, Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always clear; And the best of all the preachers are the men who live their creeds, For to see good put in action is what everybody needs.*

When we do our part, we won’t change another person with control, but we can influence them with behavior!

II. The Influence of Good Works

Hebrews 10: ²⁴ And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: ²⁵ Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

The next thing that makes a woman priceless is her power to influence through good works.

Just like there are two types of Conversation, there are also two types of provoking.

- Colossians 3: ²¹ Fathers, provoke not your children *to anger*, lest they be discouraged.
- Hebrews 10: ²⁴ And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

The first form of provoking is a negative connotation, whereas the second is a positive one.

When we fail to do our part, it will provoke anger, frustration, bitterness, and wrath. But when we do what we were made and called to do, it can encourage others to do good work.

The latter “Provoke” is from the Greek word *paroxusmos*, which literally means “with a view to excitement.” The positive connotation that this word possesses means to stir up. It is easy to stir up hate and godless deeds; it takes much more to stir up another to love and good works.

A priceless woman has the power to encourage those around her with her works.

John 9: ⁴ **I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.**

III. The Influence of the Heart

1 Peter 3: ³ Whose adorning let it not be that outward *adorning* of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; ⁴ But *let it be* the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, *even the ornament* of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

What makes a woman of great price or priceless is

- The Influence of Her Conversation wins those around her.
- The Influence of Her Good Works provokes others to do good works.
- Finally, the Influence of Her Heart is of Great Value

Our Power of a Woman’s Influence is more than what she does, it’s more than what she has, it’s more than what she looks like on the outside, it’s about who she is on the inside.

1 Samuel 16: ⁷ But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for *the LORD seeth* not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

Acts 13: ²² And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the *son* of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.

The Power of Our Influence is in our Heart: Psalm 51: ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

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We Influence with our Service: Deuteronomy 10: ¹² And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

We Influence with our Praise: Psalm 9: ¹ I will praise *thee*, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.

We Influence with our Love: Mark 12: ³⁰ **And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.**

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Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: The Power of Influence (The Priceless Woman))

Lesson Text

- 1 Peter 3:1–6, Hebrews 10:24–25

Sermon Outline (Notes)

- I. *The Influence of Conversation*
- II. *The Influence of Good Works*
- III. *The Influence of the Heart*

Questions (What was your main takeaway from Sunday's Sermon?)

I. Getting to Know "Me"

1. Which do you most enjoy? (a) days when you are the most busy or (b) days when you are the least busy.
2. What do you consider beautiful?

II. Into the Bible

1. What do the following verses tell us about the significance of love and how it can influence our behavior towards others: 1 Cor 13:13, 1 Cor 16:14, Col 3:14, 1 Pet 4:8 and 1 John 4:8..
2. King Solomon had 700 wives. He shares what he learned from his experiences in the book of Proverbs. Describe how the wife's influence can impact the husband and marriage in the following verses: Proverbs 5:18; 12:4; 18:22; 19:13, 14; 21:9, 19; 27:15; and 31:10.

III. Life Application

1. In this sermon, we learned about provoking positively and negatively. Think of a time when you may have negatively provoked someone. If faced with the same or similar situation, what practical steps will you take in the future to help influence that person to good?
2. *Being Intentional*: There are times when we as believers are the only "bibles" others will read. Intentionally think of someone to influence positively with good works and conversation. Make a plan to intentionally influence your target and let the Lord lead you on how to implement it. Remember, you may be planting or watering, however it is God who gives the increase!