

DAY 5

Woman in the House

She watches over the activities of her household and is never idle. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also praises her.

Proverbs 31:27–28

Leadership Affirmation

My greatest fulfillment in leading my family is to know they see the reflection of Christ's character shining through me.

Men and women are designed by God to lead in the home, but in complementary ways. When the Lord presented Eve to Adam, his poem expressed an eternal truth: She is just like me, only different! She is *bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh*; but she is *woman*, not *man* (in the Hebrew text, she is *ishah*, not *ish*).

As the one who gives birth, *women are designed for leadership through nurturing and teaching* in their homes. If all you have is the father's strict discipline, you have a very sad home. Mothers are generally more gifted at nurturing their children, providing both physical care and emotional support. They play a crucial role in teaching their children about God and His ways (Proverbs 1:8–9; 2 Timothy 1:5).

Women are designed for leadership through wisdom and guidance in their homes. Leadership is not ordering people around, whether man or woman; it is influencing others through wisdom and guidance. This is what women are designed to do. They provide wisdom and guidance to their husbands and children, helping them navigate life's challenges and make godly decisions (Proverbs 31:26; 6:20–22).

Women are designed for leadership through encouragement and support in their homes. Fathers and mothers are both encouragers in the home, but mothers have a special anointing to help their children grow in confidence and in their relationship with God (Isaiah 66:13; Deuteronomy 6:6–7; 1 Timothy 2:15).

God designed men and women to complement one another, the strengths of one balancing the weaknesses of the other in multiple ways so that, together, they can present to the Lord "one home under God."ⁱⁱⁱ

Prayer for Protection

Dear Lord, I lead me to rejoice in the part I play to develop a spiritually vibrant home.