



# Parenting Girls for Christ

A biblical guide

# God's blueprint in creating girls and women

- **Genesis 2:18** : And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.
- A key word in understanding girls is – *relations*. Relations involve how two people feel and behave towards each other. Girls naturally want to bond and create harmonious relationships – God made them that way.
- It was Pharaoh's daughter who nursed baby Moses, despite Pharaoh's command to kill all Hebrew children.
- **Exodus 2:9** And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it.

# Sensitivity and perception

- The shunemite woman below, and not her husband, perceived Elijah's need.
- **2Kings 4:9** And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually.
- **2Kings 4:10** Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither.
- Girls typically are more perceptive and sensitive than boys. The common saying, "To be in touch with one's feminine side" means to be open, emotional and sensitive, among others.
- In other words, girls/women are more competent in social and emotional intelligence than most boys/men. These traits are vital in our global world. They are natural peacemakers.

# For girls, rejection is devastating

- Imagine if Adam had rejected Eve! Girls are not made for rejection.
- According to the book, *Captivating: Unveiling the Mystery of a Woman's Soul* (2011) girls have an unanswered question burning in their souls – even to adulthood. «Am I lovely? Do you see me? Do you want to see me? Are you captivated by what you find in me?»
- Girls & women symbolize and embody the bride of Jesus, the church.
- **Jeremiah 2:32** Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number.
- **Revelation 21:2** And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
- If the Lord grants such attention to the bride, we must appreciate, applaud and acknowledge our girls.

# The way girls' brains are hardwired

- Estrogen is the hormone that floods girls' brains.
- There is 15% more blood flowing through the brains of girls compared to boys. Their brains are flooded with more blood and hence more activity. This means they need to process matters more before making decisions.
- Bonding and solving problems through talking. Males use 7000 words per day, while females use 20 000. They enjoy conversation and get more pleasure out of it.
- This is why one of the most common dissappointments women have about their husbands is that they don't talk enough.

# Beauty is skin deep.

- **Proverbs 31:30** Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.
- From a young age, girls realize the power and attraction their beauty and bodies hold from the gaze of boys/men.
- The Devil knows how this works and has distorted this to destroy both sexes. We know of Miss World beauty contests, but not Mr. Handsome.

# World's standard of beauty stresses women out

- Two-thirds of women around the world believe the media and advertizing set an unrealistic standard of beauty that most women can't ever achieve. Research reveals that only 13 percent of women were very satisfied with their body weight and shape. Only 2 percent considered themselves to be beautiful and more than half said their bodies disgusted them. This is the world our daughters are growing up in.



# Jezebel: toxic brew of beauty and bewitchment

- **Ezekiel 28:17** Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.
- Young men must be introduced to the potential bride's mother. This is how his beautiful fiancé will look in years to come. Beauty fades.
- **2 Kings 9:30** And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window. Jezebel was skilled in sorcery. She had conquered Ahab and Israel skillfully deploying beauty and bewitchment.



# Bonding with mom and dad

- Studies show that close relationships between fathers and daughters can reduce the risk of early sexual activity and teenage pregnancy among girls.
- The quality of the relationship between teens and their mothers was the primary factor in support of virginity. When the girls felt close to their moms and were aware that they disapproved of premarital sex, they were less likely to engage in such activities. Parental closeness was pivotal, but it resulted less from family activities and «lectures» than it did from parents' regular involvement in their kid's lives.

# Girls who harm themselves

- A surprising number of those who deliberately harm themselves have been raped or otherwise sexually abused. The devastation of that experience often leads to promiscuity, the use of alcohol and drugs, involvement in petty crime, and other delinquent behaviour.
- **Matthew 18:5** And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.
- **Matthew 18:6** But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

# Description of a Worthy Woman

- Proverbs 31: 10-31 (Read together and share screen)