

Day 2

A Wise Woman Builds Her Home

I'll be honest. As a wife, mom, and homemaker I've made a lot of mistakes and there's so many things I wish I could go back and do over!

Unfortunately, that's not really possible. All I can really do is move forward and try to do my best right now.

Yesterday we looked at what it means to make a home.

Homemaking is so much more important than our society wants us to believe. And as women who have been called to the ministry of homemaking, we have a

special honor and responsibility to care for our homes.

Proverbs 14:1 says that a wise woman builds her home. So my question for you today is, are you building your home or are you foolishly tearing it down with the work of your own hands?



I became a first time mother at the very young age of fifteen years old. I married soon after and I was a terrible housekeeper. I tried really hard to be a good mom. I had so much to learn! And I desired greatly to be a good mom. But I was a terrible housekeeper.

Here's a little truth for ya. It's really hard to be a good housekeeper when you really hate housekeeping.

I was a terrible housekeeper and that needed to change, but before I could do better I needed an attitude adjustment! Some chores are seriously tedious, gross, or just mind numbing. I won't lie. I personally hate things like cleaning out clogged drains or scrubbing the bath tub.

But you know what? It has to be done.

Proverbs 31:13 tells us that the Proverbs 31 woman works with willing hands. Willing hands! Those two words speak volumes about her attitude.

She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands.
Proverbs 31:13

I don't know about you but sometimes I struggle with my attitude. Some days I seek to serve myself more than I seek to serve others. Homemaking is a ministry. The word ministry is derived from the word minister.

To minister means: “attend to the needs of someone” – doesn’t that totally sum up homemaking? Every task you perform, every meal you prepare, every dish you wash, every nose you wipe, every kiss you give – you are ministering to the needs of someone you love.

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8

So, a wise woman builds her home with love and works with willing hands. It’s all about attitude. When you wake up each morning, how do you greet the day? Do you feel frustrated before your feet hit the floor or do you wake up with a smile and a cheerful greeting? Some research suggests that the very act of smiling can make you feel happier!

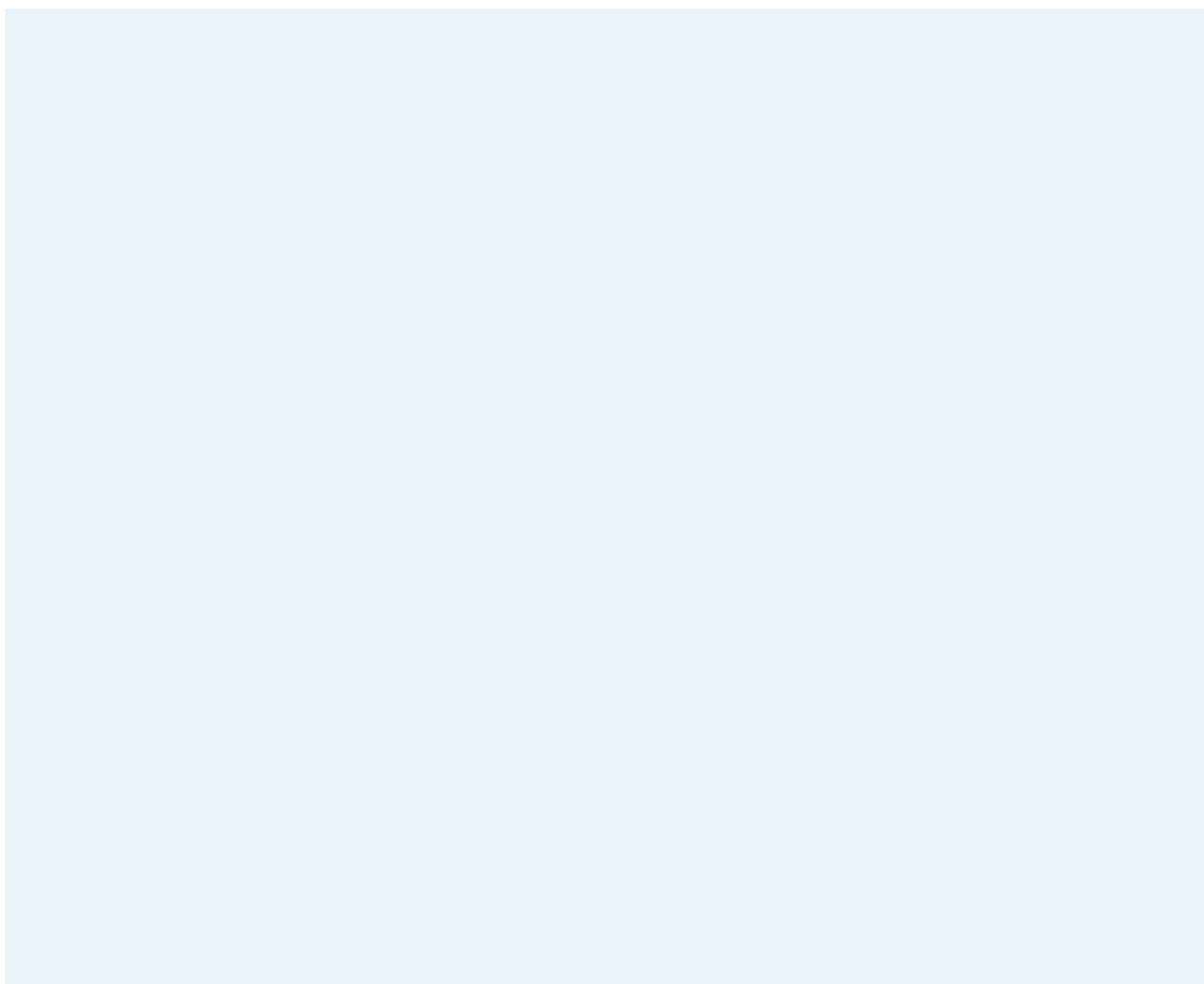
Of course, no one feels happy all of the time. Life can be challenging, bad things happen, feelings get hurt, and sometimes life is truly hard. But it’s important that we shift our attitude and mindset to one that reflects Jesus. When we think of homemaking – and housekeeping – as a ministry it’s no longer an act of drudgery but an act of worship.

We can embrace our role as homemakers when we realize how special that role really is! Jesus tells us that people will know His followers by their fruits. We should seek to live out the fruits of the spirit in our lives and homes daily.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23

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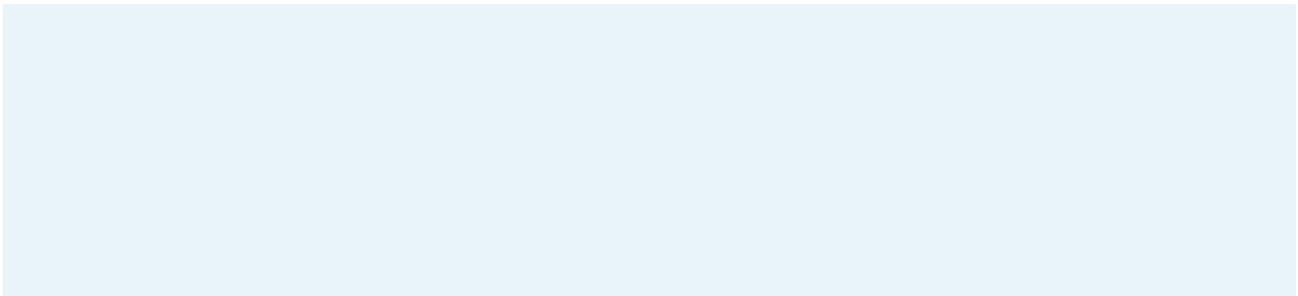
There's all kinds of ways that a woman can tear down her home instead of build it up. What are some other ways a woman can tear down her home?



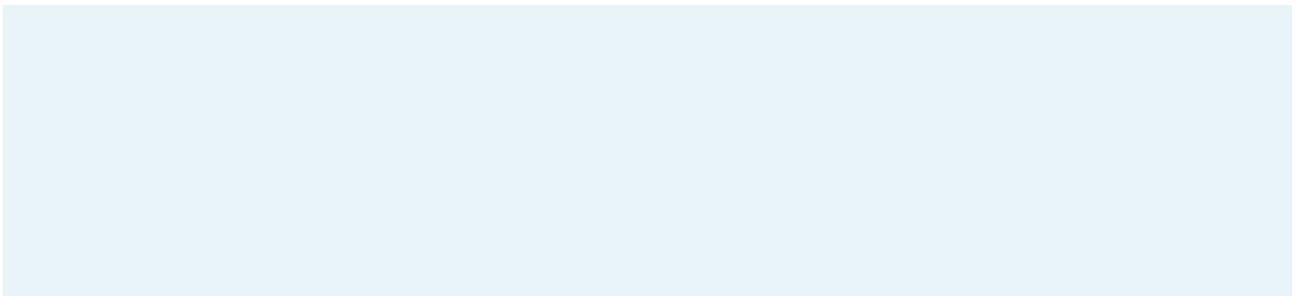
A Wise Woman

The Bible has much to say about wisdom. Write the verses below and reflect on their meaning.

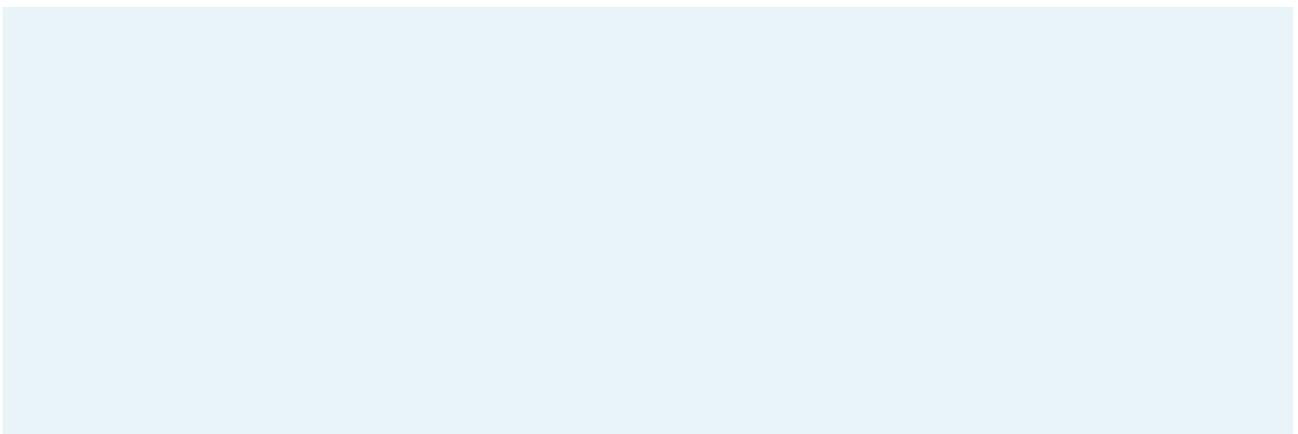
James 3:17



Proverbs 3:5



James 1:5-6



Home-making

Often times we are much harder on ourselves than we should be. You are probably doing much better than you believe! It's important to give ourselves grace.

What are some ways you are doing a good job in your home and with your family that you can celebrate today?



A Right Attitude

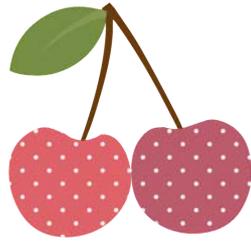
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#1: My Attitude About Homemaking

What is your general attitude about homemaking? Are there ways you could improve?

#2: My Attitude Toward My Family

How often do you find yourself frustrated with family members over household chores or your homemaking efforts? What would help?



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