

Introduction: Please show me *which* box top?

- **The What** = “Step In” and support
- **The How** = A woman’s top 3 priorities
 1. Nurture
 2. Protection
 3. Provision

¹⁰*An excellent wife, who can find? For her worth is far above jewels. ¹¹The heart of her husband trusts in her, And he will have no lack of gain. ¹²She does him good and not evil All the days of her life.*

Proverbs 31:10-12 (NIV)

*So I would prefer that the younger widows get married, have children, and **take care of their homes**, so as to give our enemies no chance of speaking evil of us.*

1 Timothy 5:14 (NIV)

³*Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips, nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, ⁴that they may **encourage the young women** to love their husbands, to love their children, ⁵to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be dishonored.*

Titus 2:3-5 (NIV)

How to “step in” and support to lead your family in righteousness:

1. A wife's *1st priority* is to support, affirm, and _____ her husband to fulfill his God-given calling both within and outside the home.

Genesis 2:18

- The Role = “The _____” – A teammate and best friend

- The Practical Outworking

1. Make time with _____ your #1 priority.

2. Pray for him regularly.

3. Plan for him daily.

4. Prepare for him daily.

5. Protect your time with him.

2. A wife's 2nd priority is to create an environment in the home that _____
and _____ her children to fulfill God's will for their lives.

1 Timothy 5:14

- The Role = "The _____" – A teacher, counselor, consoler, and refuge for her children

- The Practical Outworking
 1. Model dependency on Christ.

 2. Pray for your children _____.

 3. Create structures and _____ times that make family life a priority.

 4. _____ them how to live.

 5. Make time for them – be _____.

3. A woman's 3rd priority is to train _____ in the art of becoming a godly wife and mother.

Titus 2:3-5

- The Role = "The _____" – A spiritual guide to provide practical insight and coaching
- The Practical Outworking = A women's mentoring program

4. Important questions to ponder:

1. Should a woman work outside the home? When? Why? Why not?
2. What about single moms who have to work?
3. What if you can't live on one income?

Marriage that Works
Personal Commitment – Week 5

Nurturing, Providing, Protecting

- As a wife, I will assume primary responsibility for the establishment of a nurturing home environment for my husband and children.

- Starting this week, I will prayerfully consider what steps I should take toward fulfilling my responsibilities in the following areas:
 - Support, affirm and empower my husband.

 - Create an environment to nurture and develop my children.

 - Mentor other women (or be mentored) to become a godly wife and mother.

 - **My action step will be** _____
_____.

Signed

Date