

## PRESENCE - THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE FAMILY

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**Genesis 1:1-2** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.<sup>2</sup> The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

Since the beginning His presence was existent. God’s plan was perfect and in motion. God liked what he created. It was GOOD! Male and female with the purpose of multiplication and to worship HIM.

When God instituted the family, it was with intention. The roles of man/father, woman/mother, son, daughter, etc., were, are, and always have been God's perfect and divine plan! He knew that each role in the family bond would bring a healthy connection to human life. Especially a mother. Her role is one of the most crucial in the family bond, especially in a child's life. But since the beginning, the enemy's goal has been to destroy families. Why?

God says in Genesis 1:27-28 that he created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 27. Then God blessed them with these words: **Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and rule over it.** Let them reign over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the animals that run along the ground.

From the very beginning in the book of Genesis, we see that the enemy, with his cunningness, approached the woman. She was created so that Adam would not be alone (Genesis 2:22-24). She was created to be his suitable helper. (Genesis 3:1-6) The enemy convinced her with a half-truth, and she ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Afterward, she gave some to Adam, and their eyes were opened. The consequence was spiritual death. Sin was born, separating all of humanity from God. Afterward, she gave some to Adam, and their eyes were opened. The consequence was spiritual death. Sin was born, separating all of humanity from God.

**GOD ISN'T FINISHED** - *What The Enemy Meant For Evil, God Turned It For Good*

Genesis 3:15 NKJV And I will put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.”

Genesis 3:15 NLT And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”

Here we see that the savior of the world would come from a woman. The new Adam. Jesus! That is why the enemy has always attacked womanhood. And continues to attack it even today. Women are a powerful influence in the home, in the life of her husband and children. The enmity has always existed. The role of a woman *filled with the power of the Holy Spirit* in the family is needed, necessary and important for the success of the family.

- Proverbs 14:1 A wise woman builds her home, but a foolish woman tears it down with her own hands.

### **Don't take your role lightly as a...(Mother & Helper)**

To be a woman/mother is a privilege granted by God. Women are fragile and precious vessels in God's hands. Especially when filled with the Power of the Holy Spirit. They instruct, guide, nurture, and love with the purpose of passing on God's genuine love to future generations in a genuine - authentic, legitimate, real, true, and pure way.

### **Mother - Comforter, Teacher, Etc...**

When a baby is born, it comes from a woman's womb. The baby receives its nutrition from the woman who will become its mother. During pregnancy, a relationship develops. The baby becomes familiar with the mother's voice, heartbeat, and any sounds near the womb, and also perceives the chemical signals sent by the mother's brain through the placenta. If the mother is happy, the baby senses it, and if she is sad, the baby feels it too. Once the baby is born, it immediately recognizes its mother's voice. This connection between mother and baby is so important and crucial for development. The mother spends time with her baby, pays attention to it, listens to its sounds, and calls it by name.

That's how God is with his people...

**Isaiah 66:13 NTV** I will comfort you there in Jerusalem as a mother comforts her child.”

**Comfort** (to comfort - comforter) - the relief, strength, and divine hope provided by God in the midst of affliction. More than a passive emotional relief, it involves an inner “strengthening” (from the Latin fortis) to persevere, with the Holy Spirit being the active comforter.

### Helper

**God said in Genesis 2:18 NTV** <sup>18</sup> Then the LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him.”

- God knew that man could not be alone. He created a helper for him, not just any helper: the RIGHT HELPER | COMPARABLE. *The word helper comes from the Hebrew word for azar which means someone who could support, help, protect, and provide assistance.*

**Proverbs 31:28-30 (RV1960)** <sup>28</sup> Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her: <sup>29</sup> “There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all!” <sup>30</sup> Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who fears the LORD will be greatly praised.

### How does a family maintain the Power of the Holy Spirit?

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- **Proverbs 22:6 NKJV** - Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.
- **2 Timothy 1:5 NTV** <sup>5</sup> I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you.

### Listen Carefully

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- Proverbs 1:8 NLT My child, listen when your father corrects you. Don’t neglect your mother’s instruction.

- Proverbs 2:1 My child, listen to what I say and treasure my commands. Tune your ears to wisdom and concentrate on understanding.

### Love God & Commit

<sup>5</sup> And you must **love the LORD your God** with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength.

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- Matthew 22:36-39 NLT <sup>36</sup>“Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?” <sup>37</sup> Jesus replied, “‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

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- Psalms 1:1-2 NLT Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.<sup>2</sup> But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night.

### **In conclusion:**

**Isaiah 49:15 NTV** “Never! Can a mother forget her nursing child? Can she feel no love for the child she has borne? But even if that were possible, I would not forget you!”

**Psalms 27:10 AMP** <sup>10</sup> Although my father and my mother have forsaken me, yet the Lord will take me up [adopt me as His child].

Perhaps many of you will say, "I never received that kind of love from a godly mom or dad," or "perhaps you haven't given that kind of love as a parent," but God tells you it's never too late. He restores relationships and changes hearts. Today is a new day. God can make everything new in your life, by pouring into you the Power of the Holy Spirit. That's why He sent His only Son to die on the cross. And when He rose again, He left because it was necessary for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to dwell in us. Let him dwell in you today.

It is necessary to be born again. Jesus uses this illustration when he speaks to Nicodemus. John 3. Physical birth is beautiful, but spiritual birth is even more beautiful and necessary for a successful and fruitful life.

**Juan 3:5-65 NTV** <sup>5</sup> Jesus replied, “I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life.

**Choosing is important. Today is your day.**