

“I Want to Be a Mommy When I Grow Up”

Can a little girl in our culture say, “I want to be a mommy when I grow up?” Hopefully she can, but we must admit the pressure against traditional family roles in society. In 1975, feminist leader Simone de Beauvoir said:

No woman should be authorized to stay at home and raise her children.... Women should not have that choice, precisely because if there is such a choice, too many women will make that one.

In 1981, Betty Friedan referred to stay-at-home mothers and male breadwinners as “obsolete.”

David J. Ayers, a professor of sociology, relates the story of a part-time editor for a major Christian publishing house calling with a technical question. A book manuscript had been assigned to her, and it had a section that asserted that innate differences between the sexes existed and should be respected. Ayers explained to the editor that despite feminist assertions to the contrary that there was a growing body of scientific evidence that would support the statement. He concluded that the editor may not agree with the position of the book, but to censor it would be pseudo-scientific. The editor, however, stated the passage would remain deleted. Unfortunately, the statement by the late Francis Schaeffer may be true: “Tell me what the world is saying today, and I’ll tell you what the church will be saying seven years from now.”

The Bible values the role of wife and mother. There is nothing more important than molding and nurturing the life of a child. What product is more valuable to a society than a child that grows up to be a moral and productive human being? And let’s face the fact that it is a labor intensive occupation. Decent human beings are not a mass produced, assembly line commodity, and yet they are our most valuable resource.

Take a look at the following passages that value the role of wife and mother. Let’s honor motherhood and resist the cultural influences that diminish a mother’s value. May our little girls find themselves proud to say, “I want to be a mommy when I grow up!”

Proverbs 23:22-25
Proverbs 31:10-31

1 Timothy 2:15
1 Timothy 5:14

2 Timothy 1:5
Titus 2:3-5

–Russ Holden