

1. On Page 372, Patterson directs us back to the Scriptures and says, “The secular presuppositions of the present age, as well as one’s own assumptions and priorities, must continually be tested against the sure written Word of God, which warns us, “...but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.” (1 John 4:1) As we think about our culture’s view of womanhood, what priorities and convictions are esteemed that need to be critiqued by God’s authoritative Word?
2. In the Section: Homemaking—A Divine Assignment, Patterson writes, “The best way to make homemaking a joyous task is to offer it as unto the Lord...to bathe the task with prayer and catch a vision of the divine challenge in making and nurturing a home.” Is homemaking a joyous task for you? What is currently challenging you that you need to offer up to the Lord in prayer?
3. “There are few, if any,” writes Susanna Wesley, “that would entirely devote above twenty years of the prime of life in hopes to save the souls of their children, which they think may be saved without so much ado; for that was my principal intention.” How much do you think about the souls of your children? How can we grow as a group in helping one another to pray for and think about the souls of our children?
4. In the section: Homemaking—An Opportunity for Service, Patterson shows how Scripture esteems the role of Helper, even attributing it to God on various occasions. How does a right understanding of God, and specifically of our Lord’s relationship to the Father transform our thinking of submission and the role of helper? (see pg. 379)
5. How have the truths of Scripture as presented in this article deepened your convictions about the high calling of a wife and mother? Are there any specific changes and acts of faith you believe God is calling you to make?