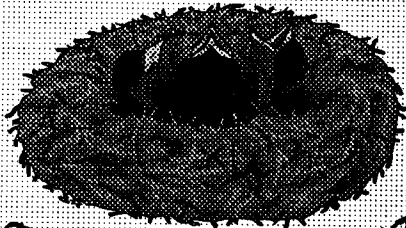
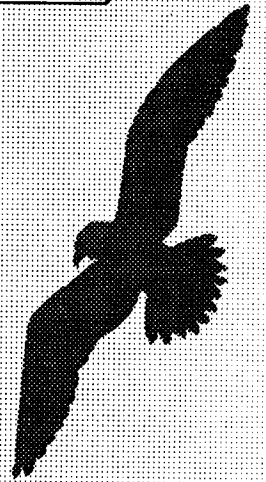


*'They shall
mount up...*

ON EAGLES' WINGS

*... with wings
as eagles."
Isaiah 40:31*



AERY NUGGETS

O may we not learn from the woman of worth,
Even in things which pertain to this earth,
She riseth up early the day's work to face,
But seeking Thee first for a spirit of grace.

The heart of her husband can safely confide
In the one he has chosen to be for his bride.
She doeth him good all the days of his life,
Oh who would not covet to be such a wife!

The family are cared for, the house is kept clean,
And those who need help on her wisdom can lean.
There's care for the needy, relief for the poor,
But no one may gossip who comes in her door.

Her husband delighteth her praises to tell,
And she speaks of him in terms equally well.
There's one thing they long for... O what a reward!
To see all their household belong to the Lord.

The children are nurtured and wholesomely fed,
In a home where the Scriptures are cherished and read,
In view of the day when through mercy and grace,
Thou wilt claim in their hearts Thine own rightful place.

For no greater joy 'tis for parents to know,
Their children are serving Thee while here below,
Turning their backs on the things of this world
Where Satan has all his enchantments unfurled.

Life is so short, there seems so much to do:
But the way of true service is what Mary knew:
To sit as a listener at Jesus' blest feet,
Learn there how to care for Him and His sheep.

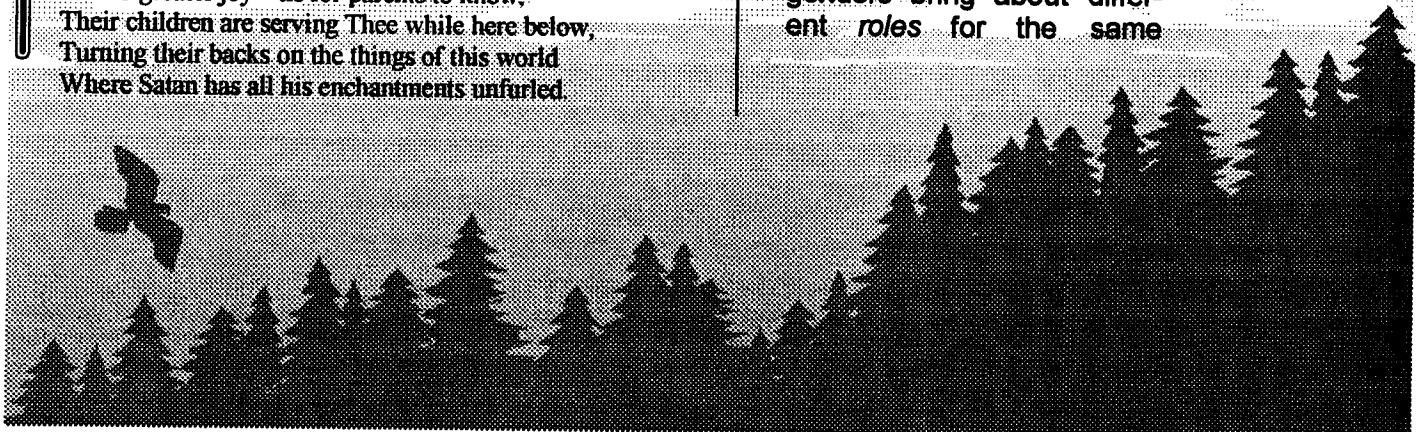
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Dear *Role Model*,

Have you ever considered yourself that? A *role model*. The dictionary defines *role model* as, "A person whose behavior in a particular role is imitated by others." The Biblical Timothy, though a young man, was exhorted by the apostle Paul to, "Be an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith in purity" (1 Tim 4:12).

Officiating at a recent wedding, and considering God's purpose in it all I have been led to consider the ramification of the words, "Male and female created he them" (Gen.

1:27b). None of God's work is done without design, so there was a definite purpose in creating man in two different genders, and these genders bring about different *roles* for the same



individual to fulfill as he or she matures.

Ever wonder why you are who or what you are? why not somebody else? This asked in a complaining spirit can best be answered by the verse, "Who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus" (Romans 9:20)? Let us abide contented in the place He has given us to fill, acknowledging that He doeth all things well.

Though the *roles* we have before us are experienced by all, according to gender, males and females, having the knowledge of Christ as our Saviour and using the Scriptures as our guide, we can pursue our pathway with more assurance and contentment. Let us not be surprised at the fact that as life develops, we accumulate more than one *role* to fulfill.

Unmarrieds: Singleness does not present the necessary responsibilities, which would interfere with following the Lord unhindered. Paul says, "He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord" (I Cor. 7:32). On the other hand, being unattached to a mate does not give license to pursue a course of unbridled pleasures. Both sexes can be challenged by the exhortations, "Keep thyself pure" (I Tim. 5:22), and "Keep...unspotted from the world" (Jas. 1:27).

Husbands: Having taken a wife turns a man into a family breadwinner, and, "if any provide not for his own, specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel" (I Tim. 5:8). In this relationship, they are told to, "Rejoice with the wife of thy youth" (Prov. 5:17), and to, "Love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it" (Eph. 5:25). "Giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life" (I Pet. 3:7).

Wives: Seeing it was not good that man should be alone, the Lord God said, "I will make a help meet for him" (Gen. 2:18). Thus was instituted marriage. Peter, a married man, speaking as inspired of the Lord, enjoined wives to, "be in subjection to your own husbands" maintaining a "chaste conversation (behavior) with fear (reverence)" displaying "a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price" (I Pet. 3:1,2,4).

Fathers: are told to, "Train up a child in the way he should go" (Pro. 22:6), but as he does so to, "Provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged" (Col. 3:21), "But bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4). Of

course in order to be able to do this, the fathers must, "Have known him that is from the beginning" (I John 2:13). "One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity" (I Tim. 3:4).

Mothers: are "To love their children, to be discrete, chaste, keepers (diligent) at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed" (Titus 2:4c & 5).

Children: "Honour thy father and thy mother" (Eph. 6:2), "Obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord" (Col. 3:20). "Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right" (Prov. 20:11).

While it is easy to gather a list of characteristics which should be displayed in our lives, as we progress through our various *roles* and please God in doing so, putting them into practice is much more difficult and can only be truly accomplished by being dependent upon the help of our Saviour.

To guard against being used unreservedly as a *role model* the apostle Paul said, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ" (I Cor. 11:11).

The Lord Jesus said to His disciples after washing their feet, "I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you" (John 13:15). What a *Role Model*! Speaking of His work in this scene, Jesus could say, "The Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him" (John 8:29). Ample witness had been born to this fact by the word from heaven, "This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matt. 3:17).

May we be careful of the example we present to those who may be seeking to walk in our footsteps.

Sincerely in Christ,

Leslie L. Winters

Take heart! A little while,
This pattern strange,
Called life, beneath His smile
And hand, shall change;
And thou shalt plainly see
How through the years,
He gilded with His love
Thy griefs and tears.

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