

- To invest in our children's lives.
- Devote our life to our family.
- Endure through the hard times.
- Treat others how they are to be treated (Matthew 7:12).

Like Hannah, godly mothers will dedicate their children to the Lord, hoping to send them back to Him one day. [6]

Godly Mothers Are Loving (1 Thessalonians 2:7). Truly, there is nothing like a mother's love. The Proverbs' writer said, "For I was my father's son, tender and only *beloved* in the sight of my mother" (Proverbs 4:3). It is the mother's love that causes one to remember her (Psalm 35:14), the mother's love that causes her to look for her son when he is lost (Luke 2:43-48), and the mother's love that calms the soul. It is the mother's love that gives us happiness in an unhappy world.

She cares for us (Isaiah 66:13). Mothers are God's nurses. They are comfort givers to an un comforted people. It is the mother's love that prompts the child to run to her after an injury (cf. 2 Kings 4:18-20). While the father says, "you're fine," the mother whispers "here, let me help." Her presence, food, words, hug, and kiss warms the soul. Her remembrance is comforting (Isaiah 49:15). She plays the roles of a psychologist, doctor, nurse, and motivational speaker. Some would say that she cared too much; however, this is just was mothers do.

She protects you (Exodus 2:1-10). There is something to be said about a "momma bear." It has been said, "don't mess with a woman's children" and rightly so. It is natural for women to want children



(1 Samuel 1), but also to protect them like Jochebed. The love of the mother is seen in her doing what is best for her child in every circumstance.

She sacrifices for you (1 Kings 3:16-27). A teacher asked some students one day about a pie in class. She said "if your mother, father, you, and your three siblings were there, what percentage of the pie would each person get?" The child responded, "one fifth." The teach replied, "you don't know your mathematics," to which the boy said, "I know that, but you don't know my mother. She would say she didn't want any pie so we could have more." [7] The virtuous woman could be named the sacrificial woman. Mothers sacrifice their time, effort, comfortability, and pleasure for the sake of the house. It was the woman who stood before Solomon who was willing to give up her comfortability for her child's life.

She will always love you. This is usually true. Like God, mothers love unconditionally. A daughter left home to the big city and decided to live a life of sin, debauchery, and reveling. One day as she went out, she saw her mothers picture posted on light post. She kept walking and saw another one on building door. She then saw a third one posted on a bulletin board. She picked it up, turned it over, and it said, "I love you, please come home." [8] Mothers will love their children despite their actions. Yes, they become disappointed, but their love continues forever.

God values mothers and we should too! They are what holds the family together and give comfort, peace, love, and joy to the world. The next time we see our mother, let us thank her for all she did, all she does, and all she will do for us, for after all, you are still her little baby.

Endnotes

- 1 www.sermonillustrations.com/a-z/m/mother.htm
- 2 <http://www.granbychurchofchrist.org/Sermons/pages/2012/Godly-Mother.htm>
- 3 www.sermonillustrations.com/a-z/m/mother.htm
- 4 <https://housetohouse.com/cops-and-robbers/>
- 5 Dr. Herbert Lockyer. R.S.L., *The Women of the Bible*, p. 302.
- 6 Allen Webster from a book.
- 7 <https://www.cruciformcoc.com/sermons/a-mothers-love/>
- 8 Illustration from another but changed by Noah Olson.

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To God, women are special. Solomon wrote: “Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price *is* far above rubies” (Proverbs 31:10). It was a woman who became the first friend (Genesis 2:18), the bearer of children (Genesis 3:15-16), is honorable (1 Peter 3:7), and becomes a mother (Genesis 1:28; 3:15-16). Society, nations, and the world are reliant upon many things, but among the many things that create a safe, prosperous, and thriving nation, are mothers! “Dr. G. Campbell Morgan had 4 sons and they were all preachers. Someone once came into the drawing room when all the family was there. They thought they would see what Howard, one of the sons, was made of so they asked him this question: ‘Howard, who is the greatest preacher in your family?’ Howard had a great admiration for his father and he looked straight across at him and then without a moments hesitation he answered, ‘Mother.’”[1]

Emerson said, “men are what their mother’s make them.” M. Russell Ballard noted, “There is no role in life that is more essential than that of motherhood.” Abraham Lincoln said, “All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.” Motherhood was created with a divine mind. To God, mothers are unique. He could have stopped when he created man, but He knew something else was needed. While fathers are the wheel itself and children are the spokes, mothers are the hub.

Today motherhood is seen by the world as a burden rather than a blessing; however, the Bible portrays mothers in a good light, often showing that mothers care for their children, take care of the household, and are teachers of the Word. Out of all Jesus’ friends and

family, it was Mary who John recorded Jesus caring for (John 19:25-27). Revering mothers is an important aspect of Scripture (Exodus 20:12; Leviticus 20:9; Ephesians 6:2). Respect for them should be given, even past our youth (1 Kings 2:19). It is therefore important that we examine what the Bible has to say about them. “The godly mother puts on the lipstick of a kind tongue, blush of purity and innocence, foundation of godliness, eyeliner of compassion, and mascara of sincerity.”[2]

Godly Mothers are Laborious (Proverbs 31). Beautifully, Dorothy Canfield Fisher said, “Mother is a verb. It’s something you do. Not just who you are.” In a doctor’s office, there was a form that was to be filled out and on that form was the word “occupation.” Beside it these words were found: “If you devote the greater part of your time to loving, caring and making a home for your family, put a big star in this space.”[3] “A young mother and her three extremely active young boys were playing ‘cops and robbers’ one afternoon in the backyard when a neighbor stopped by. One boy aimed his pistol at his mother and yelled, ‘Bang! You are dead!’ She slumped to the ground in a heap. When she did not get up right away the neighbor hurried to see if she had been hurt in the fall. As the neighbor bent over, the overworked mother opened one eye and whispered, ‘Shh. Do not give me away. It is the only chance I get to rest!’”[4] Mothers have the toughest job in the world. While fathers leave the house and come home, mothers never leave the home, work all day, and never cease their work. Their main job description is “homemaker” (Proverbs 31:15, 21, 27; 1 Timothy 5:14; Titus 2:5), although they also may take secondary work too (Proverbs 31:14, 20, 24). They are masters in many skills, for in their own home they are the cooks, cleaners, judges, attorneys, nurses, planners, and landscapers. While the father is the head of the home, she takes care of the house. Unlike any other job today, mothers do not have shifts, breaks, or even salary benefits. They are always on-call and never cease their work. They work on vacation, during appointments, and even while children are napping! Because of this work, “Her children arise up and call her blessed; her husband *also*, and he praiseth her” (Proverbs 31:28). Thank you Father for mothers!

Godly Mothers Are Leaders (2 Timothy 1:5; 3:14-15). Napoleon Bonaparte claimed, “Let France have good mothers, and she will have good sons.” Charles Wesley said, “I learned more about God from my mother than from all the theologians in England.” The first instructor a child has is his mother.[5] It is with this instruction, that the child is led to be good or bad, for “The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world.” Many ungodly mothers in history have influenced their children down the same bad paths like Jezebel and Herodias (Matthew 14:1-11). On the other hand, many godly mothers have influenced their children to do what is right like Eunice (2 Timothy 1:5). Children are told not to “forsake...the law of thy mother” (Proverbs 1:8) and are warned of despising her (Proverbs 15:20). When children are faithful, mothers are pleased (Proverbs 23:22-25), but it is when children become foolish that they grieve her (Proverbs 10:1). Mothers are important spiritual instructors and do so by

- *Unconscious teaching.* Henry War Beecher said, “The mother’s heart is the child’s schoolroom.” It was not Timothy’s father that became an example to him, but his mother. The greatest lesson a mother teaches is the life that she lives.
- *Formal teaching* (2 Timothy 3:14-15). The teaching of women in the public assembly is forbidden, but there is no condemnation for instruction in the home. It was Eunice that taught young Timothy what he needed to know about God. Some children learn the Word of God before birth when mothers sing or read aloud specific sections of sacred Scripture. As they grow older, it may be at home Bible studies, or personal spiritual instruction that the mother gives her children. Included in this is discipline.
- *Informal teaching.* This is one of the best ways mothers teach. Maybe it is the mother’s teaching the children a valuable lesson at the store or instructing them how to help an elderly lady at the mall. Godly mothers can teach many things to their children in informal settings. They teach lessons that still resonate in our hearts today. We are thankful for their efforts, instruction, and care, for from them, we learn