

# God's Model for Motherhood

## BLESS THIS HOME: PART 6

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Mother's Day

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1 Samuel 1:10-28

## PRINCIPLES FROM A MODEL MOM

### 1. THE PRINCIPLE OF PRIORITY: I must see children as a blessing not a burden.

*"Hannah was in deep anguish, crying bitterly as she prayed to the LORD. And she made this vow: 'O LORD of Heaven's Armies, if you will look upon my sorrow and answer my prayer and give me a son...'" (1 Samuel 1:10–11, NLT)*

*"Children are a gift from the LORD; they are a reward from him." (Psalm 127:3, NLT)*

*"One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could lay his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him. But Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children.' And he placed his hands on their heads and blessed them before he left." (Matthew 19:13–15, NLT)*

### 2. THE PRINCIPLE OF PURPOSE: I must properly understand my roles and goals.

*"And she made this vow: '...I will give him back to you. He will be yours for his entire lifetime, and as a sign that he has been dedicated to the LORD, his hair will never be cut.'" (1 Samuel 1:11, NLT)*

## PARENTING STAGES

- CARE Infant
- CORRECTION Pre-teen
- COACHING Teens ->launch
- COUNSELING Adulthood

My greatest desire for my child is \_\_\_\_\_.

My greatest goal as a parent is \_\_\_\_\_.

*"I could have no greater joy than to hear that my children are following the truth." (3 John 4, NLT)*

*"Parents rejoice when their children turn out well; wise children become proud parents." (Proverbs 23:24, The Message)*

**3. THE PRINCIPLE OF PRAYER: I need to cover my kids in constant prayer.**

*"As she kept on praying to the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk and said to her, 'How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine.' 'Not so, my lord,' Hannah replied, 'I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the LORD. Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief.' Eli answered, 'Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him.' She said, 'May your servant find favor in your eyes.' Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast...So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, 'Because I asked the LORD for him.'" (1 Samuel 1:12–20, NIV)*

*"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." (James 5:16b, NIV)*

*"Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers..." (Ephesians 6:18, NLT)*

**4. THE PRINCIPLE OF PERSUASION: I must educate, illustrate and dedicate.**

*"Early the next morning they arose and worshiped before the LORD and then went back to their home at Ramah...The next year Elkanah and his family went on their annual trip to offer a sacrifice to the LORD and to keep his vow. But Hannah did not go. She told her husband, 'Wait until the boy is weaned. Then I will take him to the Tabernacle and leave him there with the LORD permanently.' 'Whatever you think is best,' Elkanah agreed. 'Stay here for now, and may the LORD help you keep your promise.' So she stayed home and nursed the boy until he was weaned. When the child was weaned, Hannah took him to the Tabernacle in Shiloh. They brought along a three-year-old bull for the sacrifice and a basket of flour and some wine. After sacrificing the bull, they brought the boy to Eli. 'Sir, do you remember me?' Hannah asked. 'I am the very woman who stood here several years ago praying to the LORD. I asked the LORD to give me this boy, and he has granted my request. Now I am giving him to the LORD, and he will belong to the LORD his whole life.' And they worshiped the LORD there." (1 Samuel 1:19,21–28, NIV/NLT)*

**Hannah's Spiritual Influence Regimen**

- **HOME INSTRUCTION**

*"You must teach [these commandments] to your children and talk about them when you are at home or out for a walk; at bedtime and the first thing in the morning."  
(Deuteronomy 6:7, The Living Bible)*

- **CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

*"He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read," (Luke 4:16, NIV)*

- **OFFERING**

*"Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income, and he will fill your barns with wheat and barley and overflow your wine vats with the finest wines."  
(Proverbs 3:9, The Living Bible)*

- **WORSHIP**

*"...I won't. My family and I are going to worship and obey the LORD!" (Joshua 24:15, CEV)*

*"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." (2 Timothy 1:5, NLT)*

**ACTIONS: 4G**

Get a pic.

Grab a muffin.

Go out with mom!

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