

“Mother’s are a Gift from God”

- She Nurtures and Cares
- She is a model of Hard Work, Diligence and Passion
- She is your Cheerleader for Life
- She’s the one who goes to all your games and believes you can win no matter what.
- A Mother has an instinct to discern what is good for her family and what may be the plot of the enemy to harm them...
- A Momma knows when something is wrong and she will ask you about it...
- She has the ability to lead and teach her children even in areas she never claimed to be an expert.
- A Mother will Protect her children even if it costs her life.
- She is most likely the 1st example of a servant you will ever see and possibly the best one you will ever see.
- Moms make things special. (Birthdays, Holidays, Celebrations)

To all the Moms: Thank You for all your cooking and decorating, buying & Wrapping gifts. If it were left to us guys there would be no wrapped Christmas presents, just gift handouts. haha

For all that you did for us... we Thank You!

And for all the times we were stubborn and difficult were Sorry & We Love You!

And to all the ladies that don’t have biological children but spiritually care for and nurture others with a Mother’s Heart, We Thank You for what you do; so many lives are impacted because of you; you are a Gift from God to many.

Luke 2:41-52

41 Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast, according to the custom. After the Feast was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

49 "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

51 Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Mary was divinely used by God to conceive, carry and birth the Son of God.

- Even as God divinely orchestrated the events that happened, Mary still demonstrated the nature of a Mother to love and nurture...
- Scripture says she treasured these things in her heart...
- That is something a mother does as she cares for her children and watches them grow...

Genesis 1:27

So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God put his image and likeness in mankind from the beginning...
There are certain things about a man that reflect God's nature...
There are also certain things about a woman that reflect God's nature...

You will see reflections of the nature of God in a Father, in the Mother and in the Children...

Often when we think of a mother we think of: caring, nurturing, and teaching. That nature is likened to the roll of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer...

When we are saved the Holy Spirit is introduced to us. He is so instrumental in the life of the believer.

- The first part being the new birth experience.
- Jesus said unless you are born of the Spirit you cannot enter the kingdom of God.
- First we are born of water in the natural birth.
- Second we are born of the Spirit which is the second birth.

Our Mother's birthed us into this World, The Holy Spirit birthed us into the Kingdom of God...

The word for Holy Spirit in the New Testament is Paraclete.
Paraclete: One called along side to lead us, Council, Teach, Advocate, Help, Comfort.

The nature and role of a mother is like that:
She helps to Lead, Council, Teach, Advocate, Help, Comfort.

Mom when you are caring, counseling and comforting you show us the caring nature of the Holy Spirit...

Mom when you're hurt, disappointed and upset you show us what it's like when we grieve the Holy Spirit...

Grieving your mother is like grieving the Holy Spirit because they both only want what's best for you. They both love, comfort and care for you.

- Some of the most powerful pastors and leaders that I know, who are powerfully used by the Holy Spirit tell stories of their Mom's who were incredible examples of Godly women. They were very close to their mom's and out of that relationship they instinctively drew close to the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Dorsey last week connected the image that we take from our earthly father often times has great impact on how we perceive our Heavenly Father...

Often times our earthly Father is a picture of Authority, Protection, and Provision. Much in the same way we perceive our Heavenly Father

If our relationship to our Mother is Nurturing, Caring, Listening, Helping and Teaching. Much in the same way we approach our relationship with the Holy Spirit.

Mom's you have profound impact...
You have such a unique roll and purpose...
Mom's are Models

A Mother is a Model of Strength

Proverbs 31

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She sets about her work vigorously;
her arms are strong for her tasks.

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She is clothed with strength and dignity;

A Mother is a Model of Faithfulness (Husband, Family, God)

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A wife of noble character who can find?
She is worth far more than rubies.

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Her husband has full confidence in her
and lacks nothing of value.

12

She brings him good, not harm,
all the days of her life.

A Mother is a Model of a Servant

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She is like the merchant ships,
bringing her food from afar.

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She gets up while it is still night;
she provides food for her family
and portions for her female servants.

16

She considers a field and buys it;
out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.

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She opens her arms to the poor
and extends her hands to the needy.

A Mother is a Model of Godliness

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Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Story of Susanna Wesley

Susanna Wesley was a Wife and Mother who lived in the town of Epworth, England in the early 1700's. She was married to Samuel Wesley who was a minister and was often away with his work. Susanna delivered nineteen children, but nine — including two sets of twins — died in infancy.

Susanna single handedly took on the task of being both mother and teacher for all 10 of her children. The story goes that if it had not been for her organizational skill and discipline she would never have been able to accomplish the task alone.

Early in her life, she vowed that she would never spend more time in leisure entertainment than she did in prayer and Bible study. Even amid the most complex and busy years of her life as a mother, she still scheduled two hours each day for fellowship with God and time in His Word, and she adhered to that schedule faithfully. The challenge was finding a place of privacy in a house filled with children.

Mother Wesley's solution to this was to bring her Bible to her favorite chair and throw her long apron up over her head, forming a sort of tent.. Every person in the household, from the smallest toddler to the oldest, knew well to respect this signal. When their momma was under the

apron, she was with God and was not to be disturbed except in the case of the direst emergency. There in the privacy of her little tent, she interceded for her husband and children and plumbed the deep mysteries of God in the Scriptures.

Because of her example two of her children John and Charles become world-renowned leaders of the global Christian movement. John Wesley's powerful, evangelistic services were frequently held in the open air to accommodate audiences in the tens of thousands. Traveling on horseback, he regularly preached three or more times a day, often beginning before daybreak. Even at the age of seventy he preached, without the assistance of modern amplification, to an estimated crowd of thirty-two thousand people.

Here son Charles Wesley became a brilliant musician and lyricist, he wrote more than 6,600 hymns. Many of which are still in our Hymnals today

**Mom's my desire today is to add value to who you are...
You are so important...**

- You are a Model of Strength, Faithfulness and Servanthood
- You are an Model of what it looks like to Honor and Serve God