

Mothers: Lay down the law

Proverbs 1-8-9

Introduction: Anna _____ of Philadelphia originated Mother's Day on May 12, 1907.

What do you think is the key to a productive and successful life from birth through childhood and beyond?

Who lays down the _____ in your home?

I want us to turn in our Bible to **the book of _____**. Solomon opens this book by telling his son, Rehoboam to hear the instruction of his father, and not to forsake the law of his mother (Proverbs 1:8).

Both fathers and mothers are to be raising their children today.

I. _____ Mom's Law – Proverbs 1:8-9

8 My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother; 9 For they will be a graceful ornament on your head, And chains about your neck.

The combined and _____ teaching of both the father and mother go a long way to helping the inexperienced find their way through the maze of problems in life.

Fathers Verses Mothers Influence

School Versus Church Influence

Mom is to lay down the _____. In Proverbs 1:8, the word “law in Hebrew is *tora* (to-row’). Mom is to pass along God’s Word to their children.

Every person in every society needs _____.

School Traffic Laws

Now, let’s move all of this into the realm of raising children with God’s Word.

What child doesn’t need some _____ along their pathway of the many and various choices they will make every day?

Children don’t miss the exhortation in this verse not to _____ or leave your mother’s teaching. It means not to _____ it off.

“Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways to that which destroyeth kings. It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink” (Proverbs. 31:3-4).

II. _____ Mom’s Laws – Proverbs 10:1

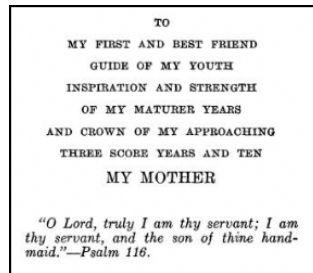
A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.

Proverbs is replete with passages warning children about wrong attitudes toward the teaching of _____ (Deuteronomy 6:5; Mark 12:30).

A wise child (obedient and compliant) will show _____ for the law of a mother. A foolish child (disobedient and rebellious) will reject the law and create all kinds of problems for themselves and their family. Now, and maybe even in the future. It never pays to break the law (Scripture).

Write down the following scripture:

Howard A. Kelly, M. D., dedication to his book, *A Scientific Man and the Bible*.



Mom’s never stop laying down God’s law.

III. _____ Mom’s Laws – Proverbs 31:28

Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her:

The ____ chapters of Proverbs speak a lot about a father teaching his son, but it is also interspersed that children should pay attention to their mothers as well (especially the law of their mother).

Children I encourage you to:

If you were to read Proverbs 31, you would quickly spot that King Lemuel’s mother was very concerned about how her son would live out his _____-to-day life – after all, he was a king, and he had a responsibility first, to God and secondly, to his subjects (Proverbs 31:1-9). His mother wanted him to live a respectable life. That’s a good goal.

King Lemuel's mother told him to seek out a virtuous wife, and not to settle for just any woman.

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Here's why. Allow me to read Proverbs 1:9, from four different translations of the Bible. Take notes here:

I found it quite interesting that the word "ornament" carries with it the idea of authority and _____, and that the word "chain" carries with it the sign of new responsibilities and a mark and reminder of _____ heritage.

Conclusion: I want to close this message by sharing with you a story that I read about the **Statue of _____**. Its story goes like this:

Never underestimate the value a _____ plays in the lives of her children. Mother's we THANK you from the bottom of our hearts for all you have done and continue to do. Never give up.

Please join me in " _____ and _____ " our mothers today. Let's show our appreciation to every one of them. Thank you, thank you, moms.