

Mothers of the Word

Exodus 2: 1-4 NLT

Exodus 2: 8 - 10 NLT

Characteristics of a Godly Mother

- 1. She chooses the WORD before the world. She loves the ONE more than she loves her family.
 - a. As much as we love our husbands and children, there is ONE love that must surpass them all.
 - There is ONE love that anchors a godly mom's feet and gives her the strength and grace needed to selflessly serve others.
 - Mark 12:30 And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.
 - c. She puts time in God's word and prayer FIRST, allowing the Bible to inform her thoughts and words, actions, and discipline.

- i. Deuteronomy 6:6-8 And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.
- d. She pursues the Lord on good days and bad and leads her children by example.
 - Matthew 6:33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you all you need.
- 2. She is steadfast and stays off the roller coaster.
 - a. Her Foundation of Faith keeps her stable and strong
 - i. Psalm 40:2 "He lifted me out of the pit of despair, out of the mud and the mire.



- He set my feet on solid ground and steadied me as I walked along."
- ii. Psalm 26:12 "Now I stand on solid ground, and I will publicly praise the LORD."
- She sets boundaries and makes decisions based on Scripture rather than culture or convenience
 - i. Galatians 1:10 Obviously, I'm not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ's servant.
 - ii. Isaiah 26:3 "You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!"
 - iii. Galatians 6:9 "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap if we do not give up."
 - iv. 1 Corinthians 15:58 "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

- v. HOW DO WE SEE A MOTHER WHO IS

 STEADFAST IN HER FAITH IN GOD and

 STAYS OFF THE ROLLERCOASTER?
 - 1. Hebrews 11:23 takes us back to this story in Exodus and says "It was by faith that Moses' parents hid him for three months when he was born. They saw that God had given them an unusual child, and they were not afraid to disobey the king's command."
 - 2. Then Hebrews 11:24 says, "It was by faith that Moses, when he grew up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to share the oppression of God's people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin."
- 3. She doesn't go it alone.



- a. She does not rely on her own strength but on the Holy Spirit. -
 - i. 1 Peter 5:6-7 So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor.
 Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.
- b. She keeps in community.
 - i. Hebrews 10:24-25 "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."
- c. She builds others up
 - i. Proverbs 17:9 "Love prospers when a fault is forgiven, but dwelling on it separates close friends"
 - ii. Proverbs 31:26 "She opens her mouth with wisdom and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue."

- iii. Colossians 3:16 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom..."
- iv. Ephesians 4:29 "Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear."
- d. She accepts that her role extends beyond the walls of her own home, impacting the lives of other women who look up to her.
 - i. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 "So encourage one another and build each other up, just as you are already doing."