

Women, Wives & Mothers

John 14:6 (NIV®)

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Matthew 13:44-46 (NIV®)

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. ⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

I. Lessons from a Godly Mother

A. Jesus

John 20:10-16 (NIV®)

¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes, ¹¹but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹²and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. ¹³They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. ¹⁵"Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).

B. Tell the Truth

Matthew 8:10 (NIV®)

When Jesus heard this, he was astonished and said to those following him, "I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith.

Proverbs 23:23 (NIV®)

Buy the truth and do not sell it; get wisdom, discipline and understanding.

Proverbs 6:16–17 (NIV®)

¹⁶There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: ¹⁷haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood,

1. Do not lie.
2. If you make a mistake, admit it.

3. When you are wrong, ask for forgiveness.

C. Prayer

Luke 6:12-13 (NIV®)

¹²One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. ¹³When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles:

1. Investment of Time
2. Love God's Word
3. Spirit Baptism
4. Unashamed

D. Hospitality/People Matter

Matthew 9:36-38 (NIV®)

³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Luke 13:16 (NIV®)

Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?"

1 Peter 4:9 (NIV®)

Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.

E. Give Your Best to God

Luke 21:1-4 (NIV®)

¹As he looked up, Jesus saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. ²He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. ³"I tell you the truth," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. ⁴All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

1 Corinthians 9:24 (NIV®)

Run in such a way as to get the prize.

F. Authority

Matthew 8:8-9 (NIV®)

⁸ The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹ For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

1. Under Authority — My Father
2. Exercised Authority — Over Her Sons
3. Spiritual Authority

G. Attitude

John 7:52 (NIV®)

They replied, "Are you from Galilee, too? Look into it, and you will find that a prophet does not come out of Galilee."

Ephesians 4:23 (NIV®)

to be made new in the attitude of your minds;

Prayer

Almighty God, Open our hearts to Your truth. Establish our homes and families once again in righteousness and holiness. Forgive us of our sins and lead us away from temptation. May our children know the freedom and liberty which only You can give, in Jesus' name, amen.