

Mother's Day: Characteristics of a Godly Mother

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CHARACTERISTICS OF A GODLY MOTHER

Exodus 2:1–10 (NLT)

- ¹ About this time, a man and woman from the **tribe of Levi** got married.
- ² The woman became pregnant and **gave birth to a son**. She saw that he was a **special baby** and **kept him hidden for three months**.
- ³ But when she could no longer hide him, she got a basket made of papyrus reeds and waterproofed it with tar and pitch. She put the baby in the basket and laid it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile River.
- ⁴ The baby's sister then stood at a distance, watching to see what would happen to him.
- ⁵ Soon Pharaoh's daughter came down to bathe in the river, and her attendants walked along the riverbank. When the princess saw the basket among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it for her.
- ⁶ When the princess opened it, she saw the baby. The little boy was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This must be one of the Hebrew children," she said.
- ⁷ Then the baby's sister approached the princess. "Should I go and find one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?" she asked.
- ⁸ "Yes, do!" the princess replied. So the girl went and called the baby's mother.
- ⁹ "Take this baby and nurse him for me," the princess told the baby's mother. "I will pay you for your help." So the woman took her baby home and nursed him.
- ¹⁰ Later, when the boy was older, his mother brought him back to Pharaoh's daughter, who adopted him as her own son. The princess named him Moses, for she explained, "I lifted him out of the water."

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FIRST: PROTECTS

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Exodus 1:22 (NLT) says... "... Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: "Throw every newborn Hebrew boy into the Nile River. But you may let the girls live."

1 Kings 3:16–27 (NLT)

¹⁶ Some time later two prostitutes came to the king to have an argument settled.

¹⁷ "Please, my lord," one of them began, "this woman and I live in the same house. I gave birth to a baby while she was with me in the house.

¹⁸ Three days later this woman also had a baby. We were alone; there were only two of us in the house.

¹⁹ "But her baby died during the night when she rolled over on it.

²⁰ Then she got up in the night and took my son from beside me while I was asleep. She laid her dead child in my arms and took mine to sleep beside her.

²¹ And in the morning when I tried to nurse my son, he was dead! But when I looked more closely in the morning light, I saw that it wasn't my son at all."

²² Then the other woman interrupted, "It certainly was your son, and the living child is mine." "No," the first woman said, "the living child is mine, and the dead one is yours." And so they argued back and forth before the king.

²³ Then the king said, "Let's get the facts straight. Both of you claim the living child is yours, and each says that the dead one belongs to the other.

²⁴ All right, bring me a sword." So a sword was brought to the king.

²⁵ Then he said, "Cut the living child in two, and give half to one woman and half to the other!"

²⁶ Then the woman who was the real mother of the living child, and who loved him very much, cried out, “Oh no, my lord! Give her the child—please do not kill him!” But the other woman said, “All right, he will be neither yours nor mine; divide him between us!”

²⁷ Then the king said, “Do not kill the child, but give him to the woman who wants him to live, for she is his mother!”

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SECOND: PROVIDES

Exodus 2:3–4 (NLT) But when she could no longer hide him, she got a basket made of papyrus reeds and waterproofed it with tar and pitch. She put the baby in the basket and laid it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile River. ⁴ The baby’s sister then stood at a distance, watching to see what would happen to him.

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THIRD: HAS FAITH IN GOD

Hebrews 11:23 (NLT) 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.

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FOURTH: IS REWARDED BY GOD

Exodus 2:5–10 (NLT)

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Exodus 1:15–21 (NLT)

¹⁵ Then Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, gave this order to the Hebrew midwives, Shiphrah and Puah:

¹⁶ "When you help the Hebrew women as they give birth, watch as they deliver. If the baby is a boy, kill him; if it is a girl, let her live."

¹⁷ But because the midwives feared God, they refused to obey the king's orders. They allowed the boys to live, too.

¹⁸ So the king of Egypt called for the midwives. "Why have you done this?" he demanded. "Why have you allowed the boys to live?"

¹⁹ "The Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women," the midwives replied. "They are more vigorous and have their babies so quickly that we cannot get there in time."

²⁰ So God was good to the midwives, and the Israelites continued to multiply, growing more and more powerful.

²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own.