**Our Precious Mothers**

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**Proverbs 6:22**

**Sunday Morning**

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**Proverbs 6:20-22**

“My son, keep your father’s command and do not forsake your mother’s teaching. Bind them always on your heart; fasten them around your neck. When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you.”

**Happy Mother’s Day!**

Saints, this morning allow me to expound on 5 Godly Biblical Principles regarding a Godly Mother, her character and honor that she deserves!

**1. How Do You Honor Your Mother?**

The command to “honor . . . your mother” isn’t a suggestion, and nobody is exempt. Her character or effectiveness as a parent is not the issue. God established this guideline for Israel because a respectful home was crucial to the nation’s future success. The same is true for us today. God blesses our homes when we respect our mothers with words, attitudes, and actions.

**Love Her Unconditionally**

We’re called to love our moms as God does. He didn’t qualify His love with expectations or conditions to be met first. He lavished affection on us “while we were yet sinners” (Romans 5:8).

**Romans 5:8**

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

**Forgive Her Compassionately**

Since there are no perfect mothers, at times we’ll have to forgive them. If your mom seems harsh or unloving, show compassion. As a child, she may have experienced hardships that wounded her spirit.

**1 Peter 4:7-10**

7 But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. 8 And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins." 9 Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. 10 As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

**Remember Her Gratefully**

This Mother’s Day, thank Mom for all she did for you when you were young. But don’t let it end there. Nothing is more hurtful than feeling forgotten. Make room for her in your busy schedule. After all, she made countless sacrifices for you.

**“Hebrews 12:28**

Wherefore we receive a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear”

**1 John 4:7**

“Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and everyone that loves is born of God, and knows God”

**Treat Her Kindly**

Let your mother know she’s valued. Take time to listen attentively to her words, and help her out when she is in need.

**Philippians 2:1-4**

1 Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, 2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

**Does your Mother feel Loved and Honored?**

What can you do to bring a big smile to her face? In our adult years, it’s easy to distance ourselves from our moms because life gets hectic and multiple demands steal our time. Make it a habit to pray for her daily and contact her regularly.

**1 John 5:14**

“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.”

**1 Timothy 2:1**

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people…”

**Colossians 1:9**

“For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that you might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding…”

**2. Pray For The Young Mothers Of Today**

Saints, Godly mothers are under a divine obligation to teach the next generation the truth of God’s Word so they will understand that their children, know that He has a plan for their lives, and be equipped to face life.

**Psalm 78:1-8**

1 Give ear, O my people, to my law; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth. 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old, 3 Which we have heard and known, And our fathers have told us.

4 We will not hide them from their children, Telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done. 5 For He established a testimony in Jacob, And appointed a law in Israel, Which He commanded our fathers, That they should make them known to their children;

6 That the generation to come might know them, The children who would be born, That they may arise and declare them to their children, 7 That they may set their hope in God, And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments;

8 And may not be like their fathers, A stubborn and rebellious generation, A generation that did not set its heart aright, And whose spirit was not faithful to God.

Saints, this pattern of instruction should continue without a gap from one generation to the next. Parents, in particular, have the responsibility to introduce their children to the Lord.

**The State of our Culture makes this Divine Obligation even more Critical**

The world our children inhabit is full of errors, dangers, and distractions that could lead them away from Christ. Today’s technology can be used to promote the gospel, but it also distracts young people from what’s truly important.

**We are living in Spiritually Dangerous times and must take a Stand for Truth to Protect our Children**

In the 1960s, immorality and the pursuit of success and wealth were promoted, and by the 1970s many parents had lost their children to rebellion against God. Ever since then law and order, and love and respect for one another have degenerated. If God’s people do not take a stand, the culture will continue this downward trend.

Paul said it best that in the last days…

**2 Timothy 3:1-7**

1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,

4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! 6 For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, 7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Saints, grounding our children in scriptural truth is especially important as they head off to school.

**Ephesians 6:1-3**

1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: 3 "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

Because we live in an anti-God environment today, we cannot rely on teachers and professors to teach truth. Although there are many teachers who love the Lord, secular education systems hinder them from talking about spiritual things.

**Proverbs 22:6**

“Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it”

God has given us the responsibility to teach our children to discern between truth and error so they’ll be prepared to go out into the world. If we don’t courageously stand up for the truth of Scripture, our children and grandchildren may drown in secularism and unbelief.

**3. Our Mothers of Today Need Godly Wisdom**

Saints, Holy Spirit will guide their steps, help them understand God’s Word, and show them how to reach the next generation. As they open the Bible, they will become more familiar with it, their faith in the Lord will increase, they’ll learn His truths, and their lives will be changed.

There are many searching, unsettled, and dissatisfied mothers who desperately need to hear what almighty God can do in a life, and they have a testimony to share with them.

**Proverbs 1:7**

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction”

**Ecclesiastes 2:26**

“To the person who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God…”

**Proverbs 14:1**

“The wise woman builds her house, but with her own hands the foolish one tears hers down”

**4. Pray God’s Perfect Will For Our Mothers**

**Proverbs 16:9**

“The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps”

**1 Corinthians 2:9**

“But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”

**Jeremiah 29:11**

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

**5. The Proclamation Of A Beautiful Woman and Mother**

**Proverbs 31:10-12**

10 If you can find a truly good wife, she is worth more than precious gems! 11 Her husband can trust her, and she will richly satisfy his needs. 12 She will not hinder him but help him all her life.

**Proverbs 31:25-31**

25 She is a woman of strength and dignity and has no fear of old age. 26 When she speaks, her words are wise, and kindness is the rule for everything she says. 27 She watches carefully all that goes on throughout her household and is never lazy. 28 Her children stand and bless her; so does her husband. He praises her with these words:

29 "There are many fine women in the world, but you are the best of them all!" 30 Charm can be deceptive and beauty doesn't last, but a woman who fears and reverences God shall be greatly praised. 31 Praise her for the many fine things she does. These good deeds of hers shall bring her honor and recognition from people of importance.

**In Closing:**

The characteristics of a Godly Mother are as follows:

**1. They read and teach the Bible to their children the importance of God's Word to apply it in daily life!**

**2. They teach their children to pray by talking to the Lord with them.**

**3. They teach their children to trust God for every need.**

**4. They teach their children to obey God. Children first learn about obeying God by honoring their parents.**

**5. They teach their children to be forgiving. Through Christ forgiving us all at the cross.**

**6. They teach their children to be persistent. Mothers should say to their children over and over, "Don't give up. Don't quit, no matter what." Unless God gives you clear direction, don't leave a position or abandon a goal.**

**7. They teach their children to live by principle, not feelings. Since emotions are unreliable, they shouldn't let them dictate their actions or hinder them from doing God's will.**

**8. They teach their children to have a servant spirit. Teaching them to be a blessing to other's.**

**9. They teach their children to live an orderly life. "Remembering to look your best, do your best, and be your best**

**10. They teach their children to be an encourager. By encouraging and edifying others God will be glorified!**

**11. They teach their children to love unconditionally. Teaching them that God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life! John 3:16**

Saints, Soon and Very soon, Jesus is about to appear, we are almost out of here!

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

**1 Corinthians 15:50-54**

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed-- 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

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**Acts 2:38-39**

38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

**Let’s Pray**

**Benediction**

**"May The LORD bless you and keep you, May The LORD make His face shine upon you, May The LORD be gracious to you, May The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you His (Shalom) peace.” In Jesus Name!**